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GREAT CO-OPERATIVE STRIKE.

10,000 WORKERS INVOLVED.

SMALL DISPUTE LEADS TO DEADLOCK.

BOYCOTT ORDERS.

SHOP ASSISTANTS' UNION TAKE MEMBERS' OPINION.

Between 10,000 and 15,000 members of the Distributive Workers' Union who are employed by the Co-operative Wholesale Society have struck work.

The crisis is the result of the failure of negotiations on wages and conditions at Silvertown and Pelaw. These have been in progress since last September and have now reached a deadlock.

The Distributive Workers' Union has ordered its 70,000 members in retail shops to refuse to handle goods sent out by the C.W.S., whose headquarters are in Manchester.

As yet the Shop Assistants' Union has taken no sympathetic action.

ALL arrangements have now been made by the Distributive Workers' Union for a general strike of their members employed by the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Approximately 10,000 will refuse to resume work to-morrow, while another 60,000, employed by the retail societies, have been instructed not to handle goods manufactured by the C.W.S.

Though only a small percentage of the strikers at Pelaw and Silvertown are members of the Shop Assistants' Union, the number may well involve the union in the coming struggle. Many of the salesmen, clerks, and supervising workers are members of this union, and unless the Shop Assistants' Union decide to follow the lead of the Distributive Workers' Union, the response to any call for a general strike will not be very promising.

When replies to their telegrams have come in, the Shop Assistants' Union, which has many members among the clerks, packers, and supervising workers employed by the C.W.S., will take action on the opinion of the majority. Temporary relief measures have been decided upon.

At the administrative centres in London, Manchester, Newcastle, Cardiff, Bristol and elsewhere, the D.W.U. officials state that the indications point to the strike call being obeyed almost to a man.

VARIED RESPONSE.

The C.W.S. report a disinclination among most of the employees to withdraw their labour. The retail societies strongly resent the high-handed action

of the Distributive Workers' Union in involving their employees in the dispute without having consulted the boards of management.

The dispute extends over a wide area, including Sowerby Bridge, Dunstall, Oldham, Avonmouth, Cardiff, Manchester, London, Carlisle, Brinsford and Liverpool.

Trouble between employers and employees began last September, when the C.W.S. under the Sugar Confectionery Trade Board awards reduced wages at Silvertown and Pelaw.

Against this the union protested, alleging the action to be a breach of the constitution of the Joint Committee of trade unionists and co-operators, and a denial of the established right of collective bargaining.

Following an interview between the C.W.S. and the General Council of the Trades Union Congress in January, it was agreed that neither wages nor conditions should be altered in future without consultation with the unions concerned.

In March the Distributive Workers' Union put forward a claim for improved conditions at Pelaw and Silvertown. No negotiations took place until April when, in accordance with the scale of the Confectionery Trade Board, the employers reduced the wages of the men and women by 2s. and 1s. at these centres.

Then, as the reductions were not cancelled, the workers came out on strike, and have remained out ever since.

At the London office of the Distributive Workers' Union it was stated yesterday that there was no change in the situation, and an official predicted that by Monday morning the Wholesale Society's factories and depots would be at a standstill.

GERMANY'S NEST EGG ABROAD.

BIG INVESTMENTS.

SECRET RES LOCKED SAFELY AWAY.

(By a Special Correspondent.) Experts are at present examining the new German note on reparations and it is probable that the Cabinet will consider it to-morrow.

The new offer proposes no definite reparations total but offers to guarantee the payment of annual sums by pledging state-owned railways, taxes and certain customs receipts. France has summarily refused the new offer.

Where is Germany's gold? A great deal of it is placed in safe securities in the United States.

While Germany has been grousing about having no money for reparations, she has plenty for profitable investment.

Between 500 and 1,000 million dollars' worth of German gold is now invested in America. This is more than the gold reserve of the Reichsbank (the German National Bank), which has been steadily depleted since the war.

It was reported on November 13, 1918, that the gold marks in the bank were 2,600,000,000. At the end of 1919 the figure was reduced to 1,500,000,000 marks, and it is now under 1,000 million marks.

Germany is the largest foreign holder of American stocks and bonds. Germany is now paying her indemnity to Belgium by gold shipped to America.

This secret has been brought to light by the recent arrival in New York of two consignments of gold marks, 30 millions for the U.S. Savings and

a second consignment of the same amount by the U.S. Mount Clay, both ships sailing from Hamburg—60 million gold marks in all, equivalent at par to £3,000,000.

This money was sent to the International Acceptance Bank, Incorporated, of New York, and is a further instalment of the Belgian indemnity.

Payment will be made to Belgium in the United States in dollars, the gold being converted by the American Mint into that currency.

Why does not Germany go the direct way about it and hand the gold over to the Belgian Government in Brussels, instead of going to the trouble of sending it into dollars, and then paying the Belgian Government in America? As the transaction is not straightforward there must be something behind it.

Some light may be thrown on it by the part played in the transaction by the International Acceptance Bank.

BANKERS' GERMAN NAMES. This bank was only established two years ago, and has made enormous progress. The directors include some of the leading men and bankers in America.

The officers, who really control the bank, are headed by, as chairman, Paul M. Warburg, who is associated with the German Bank in New York of Kuhn, Loeb and Company. Another Warburg is vice-president and secretary.

A large proportion of the other officers have German names, such as vice-presidents L. Nachmann and P. J. Vogel, and other officials bear the names of Schubert, Kingman and Gugelmann.

The prospectus of the bank shows that the firm of M. M. Warburg and Co., Hamburg, are their German associates, and also contains the following statement:—“Merchandise and collateral in Central Europe controlled and supervised through Deutsche Waren-Treuhand, Hamburg, and Allgemeine Waren-Treuhand A.G., Vienna.”



Mr. J. H. Taylor teeing the ball for the Prince to make the first drive yesterday at the New Public Golf Course at Richmond.

DRAMATIC 5 a.m. REVOLUTION.

SWIFT COUP IN BULGARIA.

BLOODLESS UPHEAVAL.

COUNTRY QUIET.

The Bulgarian Government has been overthrown by a bloodless revolution.

At 5 o'clock yesterday morning (says a Reuter message from Sofia), the Government capitulated to an organisation of officers of the Reserve, supported by the Active Army.

All the Ministers have been arrested.

A new Government has been formed by all the opposition parties with the exception of the Communists.

The provincial garrisons are supporting the movement.

Order prevails in Sofia and throughout the country.

The public services available are sufficient to maintain order and there is no disturbance anywhere.

A manifesto by the new Government respecting the position of the great Powers and Bulgaria's neighbours, declares for the loyal execution of the Peace Treaty and the abandonment of military adventures. It appeals, says the Exchange, for popular support.

Professor Zankov is the new Premier, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of War.

Nothing was known last night at the Bulgarian Legation in London of the revolution.

“Frankly, I don't believe that there has been a revolution,” said the Secretary of the Legation to a representative of “The People.”

“At any rate we have heard nothing about it, and I think we should have done. We have received the usual instructions regarding routine work, and two days ago we had a telegram saying that everything was perfectly quiet.”

Bulgaria has been worried by internal troubles for some time and official circles at Sofia have been pessimistic as to the outcome.

At the beginning of the month the police made discoveries with regard to a plot to assassinate M. Stambulisky, M. Muraviev, Minister of War, M. Stoyanoff, Minister of the Interior, and other leading Agrarians.

Macedonians and Agrarians had long been at loggerheads, and each had been threatening the other, but neither appeared willing to begin a struggle.

The Government, too, had been embarrassed by the trial of the ex-Ministers, who were accused of being responsible for the country's war misfortunes. Legal difficulties arose over the indictments, and generally the High Court was opposed to the Government's suggestions for the venue of the trial.

BOYS' SECRET GANG.

MEMBERS OF THE “STARS” WHO ARE UNDER OATH.

The remarkable disclosure was made at a police court yesterday by an inspector of police that two boys, charged with breaking into a shop, were members of a secret society of lads called the “Society of Stars,” and that the boys were under oath to obey a supreme council of five. Each boy was fined 2s.

£1 NOTE PLANT.

VANLOADS OF MATERIAL TAKEN BY POLICE.

Searching a house in Swansea late on Friday night, the police found a complete plant for manufacturing spurious notes, including printing presses, zinc plates, and cameras. Hundreds of notes were found in various stages of preparation.

So great was the material that vans had to be requisitioned to take the plant and apparatus to the police station.

PICRIC ACID CARGOES.

Liverpool Won't Have Them, but Southampton Will.

Following a protest by the Liverpool authorities against the shipment of picric acid through the Mersey port, the War Office has decided that future consignments shall be sent to Southampton.

The Government ammunition ship Sir Evelyn Wood, which was lying at Liverpool awaiting a consignment of picric acid, sailed without it.

CITY BETTING RAID.

As a sequel to a police raid on an office, Joseph Cox (51) was at Clerkenwell court yesterday fined £50, with 5 guineas costs, and Joseph Cox, jun., £20, for keeping a betting house at 85, Charterhouse-st., E.C.

Nine persons, chiefly butchers and market porters, found on the premises, were bound over not to frequent gaming houses. When raided, between 400 and 500 slips, for bets ranging from 1s. to 2s., were found on the premises.

SCENE IN A CHURCH.

TURAS SEIZE AGITATOR FROM BRITISH.

During the reading in the Greek Church at Galata, Constantinople, yesterday, of the Patriarchal sentence of ex-communication on Damianos and other hooligan aggressors of the Patriarch, the British police arrested Damianos, who had struck a British interpreter, but the Turkish police removed him from British custody.

General Harrington at once presented a demand for Damianos's surrender to the British.

Only a few days ago a crowd of Galata Greeks forced their way into the Phanar, grossly insulted the Patriarch, Meletios IV., and demanded his abdication.

MORE AMBULANCES.

L.C.C. Plans for 3 New Stations this Year.

Provision for the maintenance, including staffing, of three additional ambulance stations, to be opened during the year figures in the L.C.C. estimates for 1923-24, which come before the Council next week.

The Money Bill estimates for the year 1923-24 amount to £5,344,705, as compared with £4,450,230 estimated for 1922-23.

A report of the Financial Committee to be presented states that the largest requirements in capital account for the current year are for housing.

TOURNAMENT RECORD.

The Royal Tournament terminated last night after a sixteen days' run, and with an attendance of visitors stated to be the largest during the last five years.

No fewer than 300,000 persons have visited Olympia. The estimated receipts are stated to be £50,000.

DERBY TRAFFIC VICTIM.

A verdict of accidental death was returned yesterday on Mrs. Mary Duggan, wife of a Naval pensioner, of Newington Causeway, who, during the height of the Derby traffic, was struck by the shafts of a cart in the Borough High-st., and died later in Guy's Hospital.

PEACEFUL END OF PRINCESS CHRISTIAN.

COURT IN MOURNING FOR FOUR WEEKS: KING'S PLANS AMENDED.

“The People” regrets to announce that Princess Christian, aunt of the King, died yesterday morning.

The official bulletin stated that she “passed away peacefully at 9.10.” The Court will go into mourning for four weeks and certain engagements will be cancelled by the King but not those of a national character.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN had

been suffering from an attack of influenza, but on May 30 it was announced that following this illness her Royal Highness had had a heart attack and that her condition caused anxiety.

Bulletins showed that her Royal Highness was gradually losing strength, and it was subsequently intimated that owing to her grave condition the King and Queen would not be present at the Epsom races and that his Majesty's dinner to the Jockey Club would not take place.

The official announcement of the period of Court mourning was made yesterday as follows:

The King commands that the Court shall wear mourning for four weeks from this day for her late Royal Highness Princess Christian Helena Augusta Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland, aunt of his Majesty, the court to change to half mourning on Saturday the 30th inst. and on Saturday July 7 next the Court to go out of mourning.

COURTS TO BE HELD.

The courts announced to be held on Wednesday and Thursday (13th and 14th) will take place; arrangements made in connection with Asot will hold good; the order for court mourning not to apply to dress worn by ladies either attending the courts or at Asot.

The investiture announced to be held at Buckingham Palace on Friday, 15th inst., will be postponed to the following day at 11.30 a.m. at which time will be the funeral of her late Royal Highness, Windsor Castle, on Friday, 15th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

A memorial service will be held at Westminster Abbey on Friday, 15th inst., at 11.30 a.m., at which will be represented by foreign Ambassadors and Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, friends and representatives of charitable and other organisations in which Princess Christian was interested, who notify to the controller of her Royal Highness, 75, Pall Mall, S.W., their wish to be present.

The King and Queen paid a visit to the Princess's residence soon after hearing of her death, and the Prince of Wales arrived later.

The afternoon party to be given by the Prime Minister and Mrs. Baldwin at Downing-st. on Thursday next has been postponed until Thursday, July 5.

It is understood that the Royal bequest will not interfere with the visit of the Prince of Wales to Birmingham and Midlands.

LIFE OF GOOD WORK.

TOOK A SMALL TIP TO SAVE SOLDIER'S FEELINGS.

Princess Christian was the eldest surviving child of Queen Victoria, and completed her 77th year on Friday, May 25.

It was in 1866 that Princess Helena Victoria, at the age of 20, married Prince Christian, who became so familiar a figure in the British Royal Family. They celebrated their golden wedding during the war, but some 15 months later Princess Christian was widowed.

For many years her Royal Highness had interested herself keenly in a number of charitable organisations, and her death will be deeply regretted in many circles, not only for her own abilities and attractions, but for the help which

she rendered to deserving organisations that had secured her sympathy.

A story of her good nature concerns the war period. It is related that while serving tea one day in the Canadian forestry encampment at Windsor Castle a soldier offered her a tip of sixpence.

She politely declined, but when the



THE LATE PRINCESS CHRISTIAN.

A photo, taken when she was presenting flags to South African troops.

soldier became insistent she accepted it rather than injure his feelings.

Music was a strong hobby of her chief pleasures; she was an excellent pianist, and often played at concerts at Windsor, where she was for long a member of the local Madrigal Society.

She was reputed to be the favourite sister of King Edward VII., and she and the late Prince Christian enjoyed great popularity with the Royal Family as a whole.

HELICOPTER RECORD.

INVENTOR'S FLIGHT AT FAMOUS AERODROME.

A new official distance record for a helicopter has been established by the Spanish inventor Pescara, who has flown 124 yards in a straight line, says a Reuter Paris message.

The previous record was 90 yards.

The flight was accomplished at the aerodrome of Isay-les-Moulineux, where Henri Farman carried out some of his early aeroplane experiments.

TOWN GUARD JOKE.

Polytechnic students yesterday placed a comic jockey cap on the head of the statue of King George III. in Cockspur-st., Pall Mall, tied a carrot in front of the horse's nose, and labelled it “Town Guard.”



A new depression off our N.W. coast will maintain winds mainly from a south-westerly point, reaching gale force in exposed places, with cloudy unsettled weather. Probably some rain. Moderate temperature.

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EQUAL DIVORCE FOR BOTH SEXES.

THIRD READING.

BILL WHICH BRINGS A SOCIAL UPHEAVAL.

In the House of Commons the third reading was carried of the Matrimonial Causes Bill promoted by Major Entwistle, Liberal M.P. for South West Hull.

The Bill gives a wife the right to divorce on the sole ground of her husband's misconduct.

Husbands are already permitted to petition for divorce on this ground alone, but wives are required to prove, in addition, either desertion or cruelty.

The debate proved a very human one, and a typical point raised was one by Mr. Dennis Herbert, who asked "was there any man with a son or daughter who would regard the sin of misconduct on the part of his son as serious as on the part of his daughter?"

Major Barnett said where there was one solitary instance of conjugal infidelity—perhaps caused by a glass of wine too much after dinner—should a husband be deprived of the custody of his children and perhaps access to them?

Dr. Chapple said many women would refrain from taking action against their husbands if there was a prospect of their losing their children.

HUSBAND'S ONE LAPSE.

Major Birchall thought that in many cases one serious act of infidelity would be overlooked if a wife was fond of her husband and her children.

Mr. Dennis Herbert moved a clause that the court should have power to award alimony to a husband.

Captain Thorpe, seconding, said one of the effects of the clause would be to give the court an opportunity of making some provision for the children of the man.

Mr. Blundell described the Bill as bad and immoral, and one which would have an injurious effect on the public morals of the country. It was an attempt to enforce artificial equality, he said.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams said he did not object to the sexes being put on an equality, but to the way in which it had been done. The right way to remove inequality would have been to make it as difficult for a husband to divorce his wife as it was at present for a wife to divorce her husband.

PROGRESS IN PARLIAMENT.

Industrial Assurance Bill Becomes Law.

Lady Astor's Bill, which is to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquor to persons under the age of 18, was not reached on Friday afternoon and no further progress was made with it in the House last week.

Ten new measures have just received Royal assent; the most important being the Industrial Assurance Act, which introduces a considerable measure of control and regulation into the business of cheap life assurance. The smaller friendly societies may be affected.

A Bill has been introduced to limit the application of the Trade Boards Acts solely to trades where the Minister of Labour considers that the wages are unduly low as compared with those in other employments, and where he considers that there is no adequate machinery for the effective regulation of wages.

MISSING HIS CHANCE.

After having been previously placed on probation for embezzlement, Arthur Bodman (22), of Borsland-rd., Peckham, who pleaded guilty, was at Tower Bridge court yesterday sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment for obtaining 30s. by false pretences from the Postmaster-General.

Accused pleaded that he had tried to repay the money when he realised he had done wrong.

HUMAN DRAMAS:

Her Bounden Duty.—At Willesden, the magistrate told a girl, summoned for assault, that she would be bound over to abstain from "tearing and scratching and throwing sticks."

Wife's Hard Lot.—"I have six children and a blind husband to look after," declared a mother at Kingston when summoned for the irregular attendance of one of her children.

Language of Love.—Volunteer at Highgate (to girl witness): "Were you and the young man sweethearts?—Girl: I don't know what you mean.—Volunteer: Did he kiss and cuddle you?—Girl (enthusiastically): He did."

Mother of Twenty Fined.—"I don't know where I shall get the money from for I am going into the workhouse," declared Mrs. Broderick, of Booter Hill-rd., Norbiton, the mother of a family of twenty, who at Kingston was fined 10s. for not sending two of her children regularly to school.

Alleged Arson.—A cabinet-maker, Julius Brust (41), of Castlewood-rd., Stamford-hill, was remanded at 100-sd., charged with being concerned with two other men also on remand, and one man put in custody, in setting fire to a workshop at 16, Columbia-rd., Shore-ditch, with intent to defraud the Sun Insurance Company.

Setting Slips Given Back.—"He rides a bicycle about the district and does a very extensive business," declared P.S. North at Kingston, in giving evidence against Henry White (40), a labourer, of Canbury Park-rd., who was fined 40s. for street betting at New Malden. The Bench ordered the 43 betting slips found on defendant to be returned to him.

The Sovereign Star.—When Chas. Henshaw (36), a labourer, was fined 41s. at Green-lane, evidence was that accused had been peering into the face of a nurse. A police officer said numerous complaints of similar conduct had been received. The magistrate told defendant that his conduct was objectionable. He thanked the young woman for attending court.

A WOMAN GOES MAD.—Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, 45, of 10, St. John's-st., was committed to the lunatic asylum at St. George's, after being found by police officers in a state of insanity.

BRAVE OLD ACTOR'S LAST CURTAIN.

DIES AT STAGE DOOR ON BRIGHTON PIER.

Pluck and determination to play his part, though suffering great pain, cost a veteran actor his life at Brighton Palace Pier Theatre late on Friday night.

William Dowdeswell, a comedian, known professionally as William Rokeby, was taking the part of a comic station-master in the farce, "A Week-End." He had the audience in roars of laughter.

Throughout his play, he told the manager, he was suffering intense pain in the chest and back, and when his work was done he hurried to his dressing-room.

Nothing more was seen of him till his body was found later when the rest of the actors and actresses were going home. He lay dead just outside the stage door.

It is supposed that he was in the act of going home to rest when he collapsed.

Rokeby, who was 63 years of age, lived at Winchester. He leaves a widow.



Our artist's impression of Mrs. Philipson at her entrance into the House of Commons.

BEDROOM BOARD.

Further Charges Against West End Saleswoman.

Additional charges of robbing her employers, were preferred at Marlborough-st. court yesterday against Beatrice Steer (30), a saleswoman, of Warwickshire House, Grosvenor-st., who was charged on remand with stealing 24s. and four hats belonging to her employers, Messrs. Bourne and Hollingsworth, of Oxford-st., W.

On her own confession accused was now further charged with stealing at various times from the firm £132 15s. 4d. and several hats, also embezzling £2 11s. 10d., and forging a bill of £1 19s. 11d. handed to a customer.

Mr. Huntley Jenkins, prosecuting, said accused was an assistant in the millinery department who came to the firm with a perfectly good character.

Miss Annie Betts, of the prosecuting firm, described how in accused's bedroom Steer handed over to her various sums of money, totalling over £42, including three £5 notes from a drawer. Accused was further remanded on bail.

YESTERDAY'S SIDELIGHTS FROM THE POLICE COURTS.

Sin of Capture.—A father, at Willesden, "When my boy told me he had let the police catch him for riding his bicycle without a light, I gave him a good hiding."

Seaman in the Saddle.—In a letter from a sailor to a girl, read at Highgate, appeared the following: "I have only one photograph I can send you, and that is of me drunk and on horseback."

Woman Who Got Her Way.—Entering an East End police station, Alice Morris demanded to be locked up for being drunk, but when told to go away, she replied, "If you don't lock me up I will cut my throat." At Thames, where she was charged with having been drunk, the court missionary was asked to see her.

Prison for Pensions Fraud.—Sentence of a month's imprisonment was passed at Greenwich on John Harrison, of Tunnel-avenue, East Greenwich, for obtaining money by false pretences from the Ministry of Pensions. Defendant claimed for his three children when one of them was in a home.

Once Was Enough.—Extract from a letter written by a husband to his wife, and read in the Willesden magistracy: "You told me to register the birth of the baby, but when I found it was the office of the Registrar of Marriages, I did not go. The experience of that place is enough for me."

The Ten Pound Risk.—"You will have to pay £10—that is one of the risks which bookmakers run," said the Thames magistrate to a waterside labourer who, charged with street betting, pleaded that he took on the risk because he was unable to get on his feet. A respectable and defendant was working for another man. Magistrate: Then perhaps his employer will pay the fine."

Street Larking at Seventy.—Two brothers, one stated to be 70 and the other 74 years of age, were charged at Old-st. with being drunk and disorderly. Police evidence was that the men were fighting a dog, the dog of their friend, and were fighting; my brother fell down, and I went to pick him up," said the elder defendant, while the younger said that it was only a lark. The elder defendant was discharged, and the younger was fined 10s.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE SEQUEL.

SUMMONSES ISSUED.

£500 ON ACCOUNT TO LUCKY WOMAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Leeds, Saturday.

Cheques for part of the money won by the lucky ones in the Otley Derby Sweepstake were signed and posted yesterday. By this time they will have been received, and it is hoped, safely banked, so that whatever happens to the organisers of the sweep their fortunate winners have obtained, at any rate, some of their reward.

Mrs. Ford, the Skipton woman, who won £20,517, was not "at home" to callers, but is understood to have received a cheque for £500 on account.

Today she is expecting a visit from Mr. Britton, the club secretary, who will bring the big cheque with him. Arrangements have been made with the Yorkshire Penny Bank to receive the cheque.

Mr. A. S. A. Smith, the Keighley accountant, who drew £2,301, the field, and the prize money for three runners, also received his cheque this morning.

"I am satisfied," he said smilingly to me. "I cannot see how they can take my cheque from me now."

Meanwhile, the Otley Unionist Club are very reticent, and there is an air of mystery about their attitude.

CASES THIS WEEK.

Alderman Richard Garnett, president of the club, to-day declined to discuss the subject.

"The least said the better," was his comment. "We must let the law take its course. We shall see what we shall see."

Summonses have been issued against Mr. A. Britton, secretary of the club, and it is expected that the cases will be heard before the Otley Bench next Friday.

The prosecution is not being undertaken by the Director of Public Prosecutions, but by the Otley Police Superintendent.

It is understood that the police have summoned Mr. Britton for the alleged illegal sale of two sweep tickets to two men named on the summonses on the ground that they were not members of an affiliated Conservative Club and that therefore the sweep was illegal.

A CALCUTTA WIRE.

"Ticket 5,077 drew Papyrus. Congratulations. Send ticket 5, Calcutta-chambers, Calcutta.—Secretary, Marconi Service Club."

This rather mysterious message has been received by Miss Edith O'Dwyer, an assistant at the store of Messrs. Clery, in O'Connell-st., Dublin.

Further complication is thus introduced into the problem: who won the Calcutta Sweep? It had been supposed, hitherto, that the coveted winning ticket was held by Captain A. A. Poole, of 17, Military Knights-rd., Windsor. The prize is £50,000. When Miss O'Dwyer was spoken to about her luck, she said: "It might be £100 or £100,000." She has received no money so far.

UNHURT BY FALL FROM EXPRESS.

WOMAN'S LUCKY ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

A remarkable incident occurred on the railway line between Romford and Chadwell Heath last night.

When the Southern express had passed Romford Station a woman was seen to fall out of the train, which was travelling at between 30 and 40 miles an hour.

The communication cord was pulled, and the train stopped. The guard and others hurried back, and found the woman lying on the line in a dazed condition. She was unable to speak, but had sustained no serious injury.

A doctor, who was travelling by the same train, advised that the woman should be taken to London. She was later admitted to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where she is now recovering.

The woman is Miss Mixen, of Great Bardfield, and she is believed to have been travelling alone.

How she came to fall on the line is a mystery. The fact that the line was under repair, thus causing the train to slow down, when ordinarily it would have been travelling at 60 miles an hour, undoubtedly accounts for her lucky escape.

Had she not have been picked up, she would most certainly have been killed by the down train.

PRODUCING A PLAY.

Music Hall Proprietor and His Manager Fined.

A plea that he was misled by his manager was advanced by Frederick Bough, of the Battersea Palace of Varieties, York-rd., who at South-Western court yesterday was summoned for producing a stage play, "Palm Island," without the authority of the Lord Chamberlain.

Defendant said his manager assured him that a licence had been obtained, but when it was produced defendant found it was for a play called "Toy Land."

On finding that he had been deceived he immediately had the dialogue cut out and produced the play as a variety entertainment. The house, added defendant, was carried on at a loss.

Mr. Marshall, the magistrate, accepted defendant's plea that he was a victim of the negligence of his manager, and imposed a fine of £15, with 2s. costs.

Reuben Kitchen, the manager, was also summoned in respect to the same matter, and fined £10.

SCULLERY MAN'S REVENGE.

"It was an act of revenge for being sacked. I have had no sleep since; it preyed on my mind, and I meant to throw myself into the River Lea."

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ENGLISHWOMAN DANCES TO HAREM BEAUTIES

The Bey and his
Latticed Slaves.

Splendour of the
Exotic East.



MISS CONSTANCE HONYWOOD, daughter of the late Sir Charles Courtenay Honywood, Bart., and a member of a distinguished Kentish family, tells in this week's instalment of her life story of strange experiences during a dancing tour in the East.

She recalls vivid impressions gained while entertaining the ladies of an Egyptian harem, and incidentally reveals the singular mental attitude of the Eastern owner towards his "slaves."

WHILE touring in the East as a dancer I had many admirers, some of whom I found to be a little too persistent in their attentions. But before I go on to that part of my story let me explain that among the distinguished guests on board the boat which carried me to Port Said was Lord Kitchener.

I had excellent opportunities of seeing the great soldier, who, I remember, spent the greater part of his time strolling on deck. Autograph hunters lurked in every part of the boat, but they were no match for such a strategist. Not once was Lord Kitchener caught napping, and his signature proved unobtainable.

Never shall I forget my arrival in Cairo. It was midnight, but under the faint Eastern sky which with the wonderfully clear atmosphere renders an object almost as visible as at noon I could distinctly discern the outlines of the buildings one associates with the cities of the East.

Faerylike Scene.

High up towered the slender and graceful minarets of the great mosque for which Cairo is world famous. Against the starlit background they stood in relief, and gave me my first vivid impression of the East. To me Cairo suggested a city such as one might dream of. There was something fantastic and unreal about it all.

In the hazy distance were the multi-coloured heights of the Mokattam Hills, while seeming to dwarf even these majestic eminences towered the wonderful Citadel Mosque, a gorgeous edifice of alabaster and gold.

Near, too, was another citadel, a reminder of Britain's power and a symbol of the unceasing watchfulness and beneficent guardianship of the little handful of troops in the British garrison.

I was fortunate in having in Cairo a cousin, who occupied a responsible position for the British Government, and this enabled me to enjoy many privileges denied to the ordinary visitor.

But it was not long before I had an ugly reminder of the gulf which existed even more so than now between Eastern and Western ideas. The day after I arrived a girl who was staying with my cousin took me for a walk in the native quarters of the city. For me this proved most interesting, though I cannot say that I was favourably impressed by the tumult, or the lack of anything approaching the well-made streets and roads to be found even in the worst parts of this country.

Yet I was enjoying the novelty of the experience, and in particular the picturesque of the natives and some of the quaint houses into which the occupants had practically to crawl when they entered.

In a Bazaar.

We were approaching a native bazaar when I noticed two tall Bedouins coming towards us, leading their white donkeys, without which no Eastern figure seems complete.

There was something indescribably sinister in the expression on their faces, but I pretended not to be aware of it, and glanced in another direction. No sooner had I done so than I heard a startled cry from my girl companion, and when I looked round she was on the ground. She explained that one of the Bedouins had slapped her on the face with his hand as he passed, hissing "Shame" as he did so.

This was to show his disapproval of the fact that we were walking abroad with uncovered faces, a heinous offence in their eyes. I took my friend into a bazaar, where we were told the cause of the outrage.

When we returned and recounted the incident to my cousin he was very much perturbed and warned us of the dangers of going about the city unprotected. From that time I never went out without an escort.

The primary object of my visit to Cairo was to appear at the Opera House in Mahomet Ali Square, in specially danced. These were chiefly Spanish, such as the Madrigal, the Bolero and the Sevillana, the last-

named being the national dance of Spain.

At every performance I had a magnificent reception, and I was greatly flattered not only by the presents I received but also at the attention paid to me by highly placed Egyptian grandees.

Occasionally I had the disconcerting experience of hearing an angry ejaculation of "Shame" from someone in the audience who resented my appearing before men unveiled, but on the whole my dancing created an excellent impression.

My distinguished admirers included a handsome and wealthy Egyptian Bey, who owned a harem with some 30 occupants. He was so assiduous in his attentions that I felt it would be quite safe for me to introduce the somewhat delicate topic of harems.

When I told him I had never seen one, he at once offered to give me an opportunity to do so, and I could scarcely conceal the eagerness with which I accepted his invitation to dance for the edification of his women-folk.

The day chosen for the visit duly arrived, and a lady relative and I were ferried across the Nile and conducted to the magnificent palace owned by the Bey.

We then made our way through the most gorgeous gardens in which were growing semi-tropical fruits, as well as exotic flowers of brilliant hue and in-



Miss Honywood: A picture taken when she first began dancing.

toxicating perfume. There were enormous clusters of dazzling crimson and purple blooms, and it was like being in a world of the imagination.

The harem was some distance from the palace itself, and guarding the entrance stood a huge native, picturesquely garbed. All the courts and apartments were on a level and on flat roofs were beautifully laid out gardens.

We were ushered into an enormous dressing room lavishly decorated in Eastern style, and containing divans covered by magnificent coloured cushions. Though the walls and floor were of alabaster and stone, Oriental rugs and hangings made the apartment most inviting.

Half a dozen girl attendants were ready to help me in preparing my toilet and provided me with perfumed water. In answer to a signal on a de-powered going there appeared an Egyptian woman who was evidently the chief attendant.

She conducted us into a magnificent court, in which, although it was roofed, were growing magnificent fruit trees and richly coloured flowers. A delicious perfume pervaded the atmosphere.

To me the whole surroundings were mysterious, alluring and indescribably fascinating. But I was all concerned to see the occupants of such an earthly paradise.

One of the loveliest girls I have ever seen came to greet us, and I rightly concluded that she was the favourite wife of my Egyptian admirer. She welcomed us in excellent French, spoken in low, cultured tones, and we followed her into an inner court, where we partook of light refreshments, which included very strong black coffee, which is usually drunk in turn with a little water.

During this interval I had an opportunity of studying the girl who had welcomed us. She was little more than a child, and perfectly charming.

Her skin was of the most delightful olive tint. She had perfect teeth and perhaps her most striking characteristic was the delicate mould of her face.

She reminded me more than anything else of a beautiful cameo. Her dark curly hair and eyes of the languorous type so frequently met with in the East completed a picture of feminine beauty such as I have never seen before or since.

And this is saying something in view of the beauty possessed by so many Egyptian women.

Subsequently we were escorted into the Court in which I was to dance, and there, reclining gracefully either on the divans or on cushions on the floor, the ladies of the harem were assembled. At first glance I could see that they were thrilled and excited at the prospect of seeing what was to them a novel spectacle.

I had to make the best of a trio of European women musicians, but the spirit of the occasion soon made me feel at my ease, and I gave of my best. Starting with the Bolero, I made effective use of the castanets. Now and again the eager-eyed girls ejaculated their astonishment and admiration, and at the end of the number I was surrounded.

Some of them spoke fluently in French, while the others were able to talk to me through my cousin, who had a good knowledge of Arabic. I was asked to give another dance, and this time, by way of contrast, I danced the Madrigal, which stands high in the estimation of the upper classes in Spain. At the close I was presented with a lovely engraved turquoise ring and some dainty dress embroideries.

Fascinated Spectators.

As I expected, the girls were simply fascinated by the wildness of the Bolero. They plied me with questions as to how the dance was regarded by the Spanish people. They wanted to know whether the Spanish dancers themselves exhibited the abandon which I had put into the performance, and also whether the Spanish women were allowed to go about as I was.

Before we left I had a talk with the favourite wife, who displayed a good deal of curiosity regarding European customs and habits.

"In my country," I said, "we should regard it as a terrible thing having to be shut up within four walls and not be able to see various places. But, of course, I don't suppose that is anything to you, for you follow merely the custom of your country."

"I have no doubt," she replied, "that if we had the opportunity of seeing outside these walls we should welcome it."

Afterwards I inquired what became of the girls when they are no longer regarded as desirable by their lord and master, and I was told many sinister things. Whether it is true that they are discarded I do not know, but I was assured that the contest for the position of favourite was the cause of endless jealousy. The one who occupied the envied position of principal wife had many privileges not enjoyed by the others, who were expected to be her slaves. In the event of displeasing her in any way her complaint to her over-lord would result in condign punishment being visited on the offender.

Later the Bey asked me my impressions of the harem.

"I hope you will not mind if I express my opinions frankly," I said, "and I think it is a dreadful thing that such delightful girls should be imprisoned and deprived of any opportunities of education or seeing the world. They are endowed with a keen mental capacity and ought not to be kept away from all opportunities of cultivating their powers."

He did not agree but was not disposed to argue.

"They are in their proper place," he declared.

Then I reminded him of the fascination which European women seemed to have for him, and suggested that this was probably because they were free to cultivate all their faculties.

"You are right up to a certain point," he admitted. "It is true that European women do fascinate me, but only for a time. And I must have my slaves."

He was a very handsome man and could not have been more than 25 or 30 years of age. He was exceptionally well-educated and spoke perfect French, but I could not get him to agree with my point of view.

Next week I will tell how my husband, a clever musician, raised his career by drug taking, and of his successful efforts to overcome the craving.

Constance Honywood

KISSES OVER THE 'PHONE.

EX-W.A.A.C. ERRS.

FAMILY CONCLAVE AT HER HOME.

"Kisses" over the telephone were referred to in divorce proceedings brought before Mr. Justice Hill by Mr. Cuthbert Maughan, Church-row, Hampstead, who alleged misconduct on the part of his wife, Dorothy, with two co-respondents, Mr. Guy Barr and Mr. David Kirsch, a hosier merchant, of Montreal, Canada.

Neither Mrs. Maughan nor Mr. Barr contested the case, but Mr. Kirsch appeared and denied the charge.

Mr. Maughan first met his wife, a comedienne, while she was over here in 1918 in the W.A.A.C. They fell in love and were married.

Early in 1920 Mrs. Maughan was ill and, it was alleged, Mr. Barr, in whom she had been interested in Canada, called at the flat on many occasions, being shown into her room.

To her nurse Mrs. Maughan confided her dislike for her husband, and when she had recovered went over to Canada.

"TO TRY AGAIN."

In order to see what was amiss, Mr. Maughan went to Canada, where there was a family conclave, and it was decided that the young couple should "try again."

Mr. Maughan came home in June, 1921. The wife followed later. Mr. Kirsch was a passenger on the same boat, and they became intimate, said counsel. On her arrival at the Hampstead flat and finding her husband absent, Mrs. Maughan telephoned to Mr. Kirsch and, making a noise which sounded like kissing, said: "Darling, I am thinking of you all the time."

Counsel said that when Mr. Maughan found that his wife had been guilty of misconduct, he wrote letters expressing contrition, begging forgiveness and quoting scriptural passages. They were the letters of a woman in despair. Later she went back to her people in Canada.

After the husband and private detective had given evidence, the co-respondent Kirsch, who said he had come over from Canada specially to defend the case, denied he had misconducted himself with Mrs. Maughan.

Mr. Justice Hill held there was not sufficient evidence against Barr, but he found misconduct between Mrs. Maughan and Kirsch, and granted a decree nisi accordingly.

INFECTION RIDDLE.

TENANT RAISES POINT OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

In the King's Bench, Mr. B. M. Collins, of Harpenden-rd., St. Albans, sued Miss E. Hopkins, of The Poplars, Blenheim-rd., St. Albans, for damages for alleged breach of contract in the letting of The Poplars as a furnished house.

Mr. Collins alleged that, as Mrs. Hopkins' late husband had suffered from consumption, The Poplars was not reasonably fit for human habitation. For the defence it was asserted that Mr. Hopkins died of pneumonia.

After medical evidence regarding the danger or otherwise of infection at The Poplars, Justice McCardie, saying the case raised a point of great public interest, reserved judgment.

HOSPITAL CLOSING.

RE-OPENING AFTER ADDITION OF NEW WARDS.

London will be short of a hospital next month, for Westminster Hospital, the impressive building in Broad Sanctuary, is being closed down for repairs.

"The staff and the wards have been overworked for a considerable period, and the repairs have been put off until the last minute. Now they must be done," said Mr. E. M. Power, the secretary, at a representative of "The People," at a cost of something like £45,000. We have only a small portion will help us in the work.

"When we open again we hope we shall be one of the most up-to-date hospitals in the London district. Although we have a long waiting list, we were forced to close the wards on June 1 in the hope that those patients now in will be discharged by the time we have to close down."

"We are very cramped in our present quarters, especially the staff, but now we have obtained a house for the nurses, and shall convert the quarters they used to occupy into new wards."

NEW POISON MYSTERY.

ACCUSATION BY DYING MAN.

DRAMA OF A NAME.

Alleging that he had been poisoned by a man whose name he gave, Edward James Brown died in dramatic circumstances at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.

Certain organs have been forwarded to the Home Office for analysis.

Brown, whose age was 48, lived at Bradford-on-Avon and worked at Trowbridge, where he had charge of machinery in a marine store.

At the inquest, Mrs. Rosina Brown, the widow, said that when her husband left home for work in the morning he took with him a bottle of tea which he had made himself.

In the afternoon he was brought home ill by two men. She asked what was the matter, and he replied, "Someone has given me poison." He kept saying it, and she asked who it was. He mentioned a name, which she disclosed to the coroner.

The coroner intimated that he would not record this part of Mrs. Brown's statement.

TEA "TASTED BITTER."

Mrs. Brown added that the night before her husband had bread and butter and corned beef. She and her four children also had some of the beef and they were all well.

Dr. Cedric Vaisey said that when he visited Brown he found him conscious. Brown said that the sickness came on directly he had the tea, and added that it tasted bitter.

The coroner: Did he say anything about poison?—He did; but I told him he must keep his mouth shut, as it was an unwise statement to make unless he could prove it.

Dr. Adye said when he arrived at the house, at 7.30, Brown was perfectly sensible, but pale-faced. He died quietly and slowly in witness's presence.

The inquest was adjourned for the Home Office report, which, the coroner said, might not be available for three or four weeks.

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GERMANY IMPROVES

There are signs of sanity in the latest German Note on reparations; it is a considerable improvement upon its predecessor of May 2, and the Allies cannot dismiss it as unworthy of consideration. Whether the offer now made by Germany leads to some sort of settlement or not, it may reasonably be regarded as a basis for negotiation.

France will not be satisfied; that is hardly to be expected. But she will not bolt the door against discussion, we presume, for she cannot be blind to the fact that her Ruhr policy has not been, and is not likely to be, an economic success. Germany has at length got down to practical considerations. What we need to know is how much Germany can pay and how she shall pay it. The amount fixed at Versailles is admitted on all hands to be out of the question. Germany mentions no figure in the present Note; she admits that there may well be different opinions on the point, and is willing to abide by the decision of an impartial international body, both as to the amount and the method of payment.

It is agreed that if loans on a large scale, as previously proposed, are not practicable, a scheme of annuities should be substituted. And here Germany makes a great advance on her previous offer, for she will give substantial guarantees. German railways and other property are offered as a pledge, as are also the Customs and Excise—with certain exceptions.

There are one or two significant omissions in the new Note. Thus there is no reference to the Ruhr occupation or to German passive resistance. France has declared that she will consider no proposal from Germany until passive resistance and sabotage are categorically repudiated, but that is not a difficulty to be regarded as insurmountable.

EQUAL JUSTICE IN DIVORCE.

The overwhelming majority for the third reading of the Divorce Bill speaks well for the sense of justice inherent in the House of Commons. England and Wales are almost alone in compelling the wife to prove adultery as well as adultery in order to obtain a divorce, while the man may invoke the law for the latter offence alone.

Few burdens are harder to bear than a sense of injustice, and woman has too long been a victim in this respect. And few things are more calculated to heighten respect for the law than the knowledge that it is fair to both sides.

Dissimilarity does not argue inequality, though the two are often enough confounded. Woman is man's equal in many ways, and his superior in some. The same may be said of man in respect of woman. But that is no reason why the scales of justice should be weighted on one side only.

We see no reason why even-handed divorce law should have the effect of encouraging collusion. Our judges should be capable of dealing with that side of the question.

BRIGHTEST STORY OF THE WEEK.

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

A diverting incident is amusing certain circles of society just now. A few nights ago a Distinguished Personage was enjoying a dance at a certain well-known place of entertainment with a number of friends. After a merry evening the band stopped playing, and it was explained that the licence of the place demanded the closure at midnight.

The Distinguished Personage was loath to break up so jolly a party. After a moment's thought, he demanded, and was led to, the telephone. Ringing up a certain number, he insisted on the operator continuing to ring until an answer was received from a sleepy servant who had risen from his bed.

The head of the domestic staff was summoned and the Distinguished Personage instructed him to rouse the staff and to prepare the ballroom—one of the finest in London—for immediate use. The D.P. added that he would be responsible to the master of the house.

The transport, to use a military term, was then ordered up and laden with laughing guests and ample stores of good things to eat and drink, and the mobile force, complete with rations (as one of the party put it), moved off under the personal command of the Distinguished Personage.

Arrived at the house, they were received by the majordomo at the head of the other servants, and proceeded to the ballroom. The D.P. had forgotten nothing, and the band which had already played for them so well appeared as by magic and fell to scraping and blowing, and, as Bede put it in his delightful absurdity, "they all danced until the gunpowder ran out at the heels of their boots." Or, in the words of the country reporter, "a very enjoyable time was had by all."

In due time the party broke up and went home to bed, and no doubt the master of the house will not be at all annoyed by the friendly freedom of the Distinguished Personage.

ABRAHAM POSE IN CHURCH.

Minister on His Striking Innovation.

The Rev. G. Ernest Thorn, of the Church of The Strangers, Peckham, is enacting the part of "Abraham" at this evening's service. He will wear appropriate costume, and the Church itself will be decorated in Eastern style. This go-ahead minister, who has had an interesting career, has written a special article for "The People" explaining his reasons for thus "getting out of the old."

The one fact I would bring most prominently forward concerning my enactment of the character of Abraham at the Church of the Strangers, Peckham, this evening is that in no sense is it a performance, but the working out of an all-compelling desire to magnify my office as a Minister in influencing men and women not only to attend the church but to read their Bible.

The mission of the church is not to minister to the fancies of a select or elect few and so become a religious club, but to become all things to all men that she may save souls.

The modern sermon partakes too much of the nature of a polished essay instead of being an arresting force. How many sermons are remembered? How many attempts to appeal to eye and heart alike, and I prophesy that no one who is present this evening will forget the patriarch even though they forget his delineator.

Scenic Effects.

I have studied my character very closely, and I am anxious that Abraham the patriarch shall live again in me. I am fortunately situated in being able to requisition appropriate scenery and lighting effects. I shall doubtless shock the susceptibilities of many to whom time-worn ruts are sacred highways. My movement will be called a "stunt," but if it succeeds in awakening interest and even criticism I shall be content.

My church is a Congregational Church and I a Congregational minister of 35 years' standing. We have two services every Sunday night—one from 7 to 8.30 and the second from 8.30 to 10. Our methods have always in them the element of novelty.

For twelve years I conducted services in the Crown Theatre, Peckham, after the usual evening service. Our audience was never less than 3,000, and our trophies are all over the world. I went on the stage at the theatre in the third act of the "Swiss Express" to announce my message. For nine hours I became a street hawker on Ludgate Hill to learn what it meant to stand on the gutter side of the pavement. In numberless ways my church has stood by me loyally to grip the life of the "other man." Our name is the "Church of the Strangers," and we endeavour to live up to it.

RANDOM RHYMES.

When the all-embracing Yankee Starts to play at henky-penky
With the Universe, it's time we had a shot;
For it cannot be contested
That we, too, are interested,
Seeing it's the only Universe we've got.
It appears to me terrific
When these Yankee scientific
Generate two million volts upon the wire;
They may bust the bally world up,
You and I may soon be hurled up
To the distant stars or even somewhat higher.
With these tests experimental
Touching matter elemental
We may all be blown to atoms or to well.
To a place that's altogether
Hotter than this "summer" weather,
Which no self-respecting printer likes to spell.
I am getting rather weary
Of this silly Atom theory,
And it rather puts the wind up me, I own.
These Yanks must be demoted,
I should feel much more contented
If they'd leave these wretched Atom things alone.

TALK of the PEOPLE

By WIDEAWAKE.

The King and Ascot.

The death of Princess Christian, aunt of the King, will throw the Court into mourning for four weeks. In order, however, to avoid the disappointment and interruption of the season which the King's absence from Ascot would have, His Majesty and other members of the Royal Family will attend the Ascot meeting on at least one day.

The King regretted very much to have to give up his Derby night dinner, an event which he always greatly enjoys as being out of the usual routine of official conscience.

A Royal Artist.

The Queen of the Netherlands, who has great talent as a painter, intends to devote her six weeks' stay in the lake district to recording her impressions of the beautiful countryside near Rydal Hall, Ambleside, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley le Fleming, where she and the Prince Consort will arrive on the 28th inst. As the visit is made for rest, the royal travellers will assume the title of Count and Countess van Baren.

Lord Robert Deputy Leader.

The Prime Minister is to be questioned on whether Lord Robert Cecil has been appointed deputy leader of the House of Commons. There may be no formal appointment for that position, but Lord Robert, being one of the best debaters in the House, and having an office which is without heavy duties, will by force of circumstances occupy, in effect, the position of deputy leader whether he is formally appointed to it or not.

The Prime Minister showed his broadmindedness when he took into his Government Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. McKenna. He did so primarily because they would strengthen the Government on the great non-party issue before it and the country, viz., the problem of reparations and the European situation.

Poor and Famous Folly.

The Earl of Northesk is finding difficulty in regard to his marriage with

Miss Jessica Brown, one of the famous Ziegfeld Follies, as her former husband alleges there was some irregularity about her divorce. Lord Northesk succeeded to the title in 1921. His father, who was the tenth Earl, was a Representative Peer for Scotland, and his mother, who is still living, is a daughter of the late Major General George Skene Halliwell. The present peer is in his twenty-third year.

Order of the Orders.

Since the new Government took office there has been a revision in the precedence of various orders, and it will be good news for the K.B.E.s to find that they are now established in the second position. The order of the various Orders of Knighthood is now as follows—K.C.B. (Knight Commander of the Bath), K.B.E. (Knight of the British Empire), K.C.M.G. (Knight Commander of St. Michael and George), and K.V.O. (Knight of the Victorian Order). The subordinate grades follow the same order of precedence.

Health Minister's Success.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain scored a notable Parliamentary success in introducing the Rent Decontrol Bill in the House of Commons, the second reading being carried by a majority of 164. The Labour Party made a formidable assault on the Bill, aided and abetted by the two sections of Liberals, who had not the courage to come out into the open themselves.

The Bill is a happy compromise which carries subsidies to the extreme limit of generosity, while it gives private enterprise a chance to revive. But the Labour Party, for propaganda purposes, would have opposed the measure had the State and local subsidies been ten times more liberal.

New Tactics at Tiverton.

Good reports are received with regard to the progress of the Conservative candidate in the Tiverton (Devon) Division, which was won by a supporter of Mr. Bonar Law at the General Election by 101 votes. The defeated Liberal candidate on that occasion, the well-known politician, Mr. F. D. Acland, is standing again. He is standing, however, this time as a dark horse as he says he is not attached to any party. He hopes by this indefinite attitude to obtain all the Liberal votes which he got last time and some others.

An Efficient Civil Servant.

Sir James Masterton-Smith, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, is engaged to be married to the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert B. Marten.

Sir James lost his wife about two years ago, who was killed by accident falling from a window of her house. Sir James was sixteen years at the Admiralty, where he was private secretary to five First Lords. Mr. Winston Churchill greatly appreciated Sir James's efficiency as a civil servant, and transferred him first to the Munitions Department and afterwards to the Colonial Office when he was Secretary.

Mr. Churchill: Under Which Flag?

During the week Mr. Winston Churchill was closeted for two hours with Mr. Lloyd George at the headquarters of the National Liberal Party in Abingdon-st. It would be interesting to know what was the object of the interview. It is known that Mr. Churchill is eager to get into the House, but he has not decided yet under which flag.

Miss Mabel Russell Plays Up.

Miss Mabel Russell (Mrs. Philippon), the victor of Berwick, made a dramatic entrance into the House of Commons when she took the oath and brought the House down. Miss Russell, on her first appearance, was very modest and demure. A member says her costume might have been designed by General Booth and made by Mrs. Grundy. A Labour leader cried out, "Cheer up, Nancy," and Lady Astor blushed like a schoolgirl—if schoolgirls do blush nowadays. Our artist's impression will be found on Page Two.

Mrs. Philippon's dress was severe in its simplicity. She wore a dark blue, almost a black dress, with white collar and cuffs, and a plain straw hat, almost Salvation Army shape, but a shade lighter in colour. She had quite

a puritanic appearance, which, however, was relieved by her bright smile. Mabel Russell will probably never possess the sharpness and acidity of Lady Astor, but she will certainly avoid that lady's unfortunate irritability to criticism. One Member protested against her interruptions when she and her friends were criticising her Bill, and with justice. A typical phrase of hers on this occasion was, it is said, "I would rather be dead than have anything to do with you and your friends." These sotto voce comments are not exactly pretty.

Duse Greets Ellen Terry.

Perhaps the most excited and enthusiastic person in a distinguished audience at the New Oxford when Eleanora Duse made her re-appearance was Ellen Terry.

She sat in a box with her daughter Edith Craig, and at the close of the play the Italian and English "stars" exchanged smiles across the footlights. They have been friends for years, and one was reminded how, when Ellen Terry celebrated her Jubilee, the great Italian travelled from Italy in order to share in the gala performance at Drury Lane.

The meeting after the play was of an affecting nature. After laughter and embraces there were happy tears and a long exchange of confidences.

Brighter Piccadilly.

Piccadilly Circus will soon be brighter. The whole of the Pavilion block of buildings is to be taken in hand and beautified. It costs a bit. One would not be far out in talking of the cost in thousands.

Coming By-Election.

Another By-Election at an early date is expected in East London. It would be in connection with a constituency whose member some time ago was announced as ready to resign, though the report was subsequently denied. It is now suggested that he does really wish to go and will make an early announcement.

Commons' Cocktail.

The popular cocktail at the House of Commons just now is styled "the Attorney-General." It is not served to the ordinary visitor to the Strangers' Smoking Room. Only the Elects enjoy it upstairs.

The New Chancellor.

No arrangements have yet been made for a seat for Mr. McKenna, but he will take up his duties as Chancellor of the Exchequer, as I have already announced, before the end of the Session. He can work at the Treasury for some months without having a seat in the House of Commons, so long as he is able to take his place by the time the House resumes in the autumn.

Profits on War Books.

It is reported that Mr. Asquith is receiving £10,000 for his book on the war. Mr. Lloyd George had entered into contracts amounting to £120,000 for his war book, but the contracts fell through in consequence of his entering into another agreement to contribute a series of articles for American newspapers. The book rights in America were sold for £20,000. Almost all the other contracts with nearly every country in the world have fallen through.

It may be remembered that Mr. Lloyd George, when in office, undertook to hand over all the profits of the book to charities. He is not, of course, under any obligation to do that now in the altered circumstances.

The Ex-Lady Golf Champion.

Miss Cecil Leitch, who on three occasions won the women's championship, and who, owing to an injury to her arm, has been unable to take part in competitions during the past two years, is beginning to play again.

Tax Concessions.

There is a strong belief that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will make some concession on the entertainment tax to which public opinion is becoming more and more critical. The outdoor sports organisations, headed by the M.C.C., are all moving and are especially opposing the levying of the duty on members' subscriptions. Similar action is being taken by the county cricket clubs, who are writing to their local M.P.s.

Feeling in the theatrical world is increasingly hostile. The "Immortal Hour" at the Regent was the last instance of its crushing burden. There was a large loss on the production, but the tax very nearly equalled half the loss.

From the Antarctic to the Tropics.

Commander Frank Wild, C.B.E., who was Sir Ernest Shackleton's chief of staff in his last two expeditions to the Antarctic, has left for Nyassaland, where he is interested in tobacco and cotton plantations. Commander Wild has spent 13 years of his life in the Antarctic, and it is a change for him to adapt himself to life in what is practically a tropical country.

He was engaged on his plantations in Nyassaland when Shackleton called on him to join the Quest on the explorer's last and tragic voyage of discovery. Wild took command of the Quest after the death of his chief, and has recently published a book on "Shackleton's Last Voyage."

CIGARETTE PAPERS.

FOR AFTER DINNER SMOKING.

By the Lounge.

WE are a great people. It has just been revealed to that important, wealthy and influential body, the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, that only the Bravery of four men—a watchman, a policeman, and two others—saved Liverpool and the district from an explosion that would have blown up the whole country.

The War Office, it was stated, had sent 120 tons of picric acid by rail from Shropshire to Liverpool to be shipped to North Dock broke and fell across the waggon containing the explosive, and flames were approaching the acid, when the four men risked a dreadful death to avert a catastrophe that, as Mr. A. W. Bibby said, would have caused "loss of property and life beyond description."

The members of the Board must have blanched as they pictured the scenes of horror which so nearly became a terrible reality. But they were Britons, and they remembered their manhood and resolved to show in stout British fashion that their gratitude was more than mere words.

Confident in the stability and resources of the huge organisation under their control, they clenched their fists, set their jaws hard, and voted for cigarettes each to the watchman and the policeman, and three guineas to each of the other men who helped them.

I hope that less important persons, such as the Corporation and the general public of Liverpool and the neighbourhood, will follow (they cannot be expected to emulate) this generous example, and that a general contribution will enable each of the heroes to be presented with a really comprehensive collection of cigarette-pictures. After all, during the war many a man received the M.B.E. for services little more valuable.

In an omnibus the other day I next to a pleasant man who engaged me in conversation, and it turned out that we had both been to see the Royal Military Tournament.

My acquaintance told me it was his first visit to the show for nearly 20 years, during which time he had lived in a far country, and he was greatly interested in the changes which had occurred in London life during his absence. But what impressed him most, I think, was not the structural alteration, nor the spread of the cafe-habit; it was a chance visit he had paid to the neighbourhood of St. James's Palace on the morning of the King's last Levee. A quarter of a century ago, he remarked, such an event meant an almost endless procession of carriages, but on this occasion after the ceremony he met men in Court costume, clerical robes and military uniforms, very cheerfully waving away to their houses, hotels or clubs without being at all embarrassed by the gaze of the passers-by.

He seemed to think it a very sensible (and economical) thing, and said it was time that Englishmen got over their absurd terror of being caught wearing an honourable decoration or a garb of ceremony.

A conference arranged by the Authors' League of America is to be held this week, and will be followed by a similar gathering in this country, at which the possibilities of the cinematograph are to be considered. Important questions are to be debated, such as

What are the undeveloped possibilities of the motion picture?

Literature that has not yet reached the screen.

Phases of life that have not yet been depicted on the screen.

Time was when only persons of low tastes and frivolous habits were supposed to frequent "the pictures," but in these enlightened days even Cabinet Ministers openly attend cinema theatres without having to use a false nose or an artificial beard to conceal their identity.

The undeveloped possibilities of the motion picture are obviously limitless; as an educational medium its power is immense. Imagine the moral effect of a film depicting the criminal career of Little Edgar. We see him in early life refusing to believe the story of Santa Claus; later, surreptitiously peering the vinegar out of the pickle-barrel over his cold meat, leaving the onions to moulder high and dry; and, finally, at dead of night, robbing his blue-eyed sister Ellen's money-box of her hard-earned pence to back a loser in the 3.30 race. But retribution is at hand. Identified by jammy fingerprints, he is threatened with exposure and disgrace, when gentle Ellen (having herself backed the winner) makes good the deficit and forgives her erring brother. He falls on her neck; they mingle their happy tears; and Edgar resolves to abandon his evil courses and grow up to be great and good.

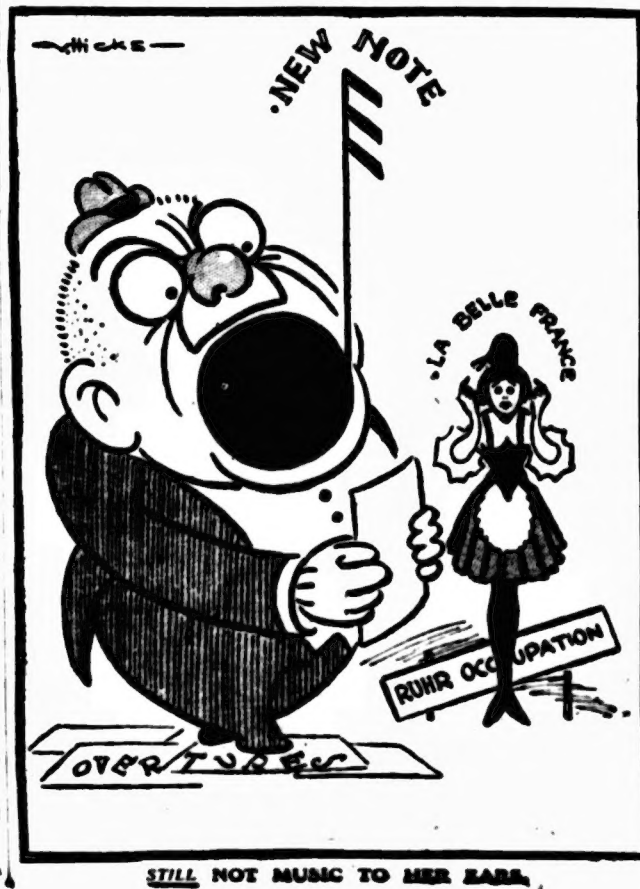
The question of literature, too, is important. We have yet to see on the silent stage such masterpieces as "The Lady of Benbury Castle," "The Girl with the Red Riding Hood" (from the French); "Stendhal's Commentaries on the Laws of England," and "Jenkyne on Tort" (educational); and "Eric, or Little by Little" (adults only).

There are, of course, many phases of life that have not yet been depicted on the films, among them being such interesting and instructive examples as: Tiles and Styles (Fashion), featuring Winston S. Churchill.

A Plumber at Work (slow motion), From Gaiders Green to Liverpool, by Tube (Coloured Interest).

The Romance of the Road: A Sweetman's Story.

I look forward with keen anticipation to the results of these conferences, which should make the cinema industry a valuable part of our national life.



KING AND QUEEN IN EAST END.

DOCKLAND TOUR. TEA IN WHITE-WASHED DINING-ROOM.

The King and Queen spent a busy afternoon in the East-End of London yesterday, when they inspected Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford, and the Malvern Mission Dockland Settlement, Canning Town.

Their Majesties were in deep mourning, the Queen wearing a black costume relieved with white and a black turban with jet ornaments.

At Queen Mary's Hospital the Royal visitors inspected three wards, one for men, one for women, and the children's ward, and spoke words of cheer to the patients.

They afterwards visited the new Margaret Lyle Maternity Wing, which is equipped in the most up-to-date style, and is the finest maternity hospital in Great Britain.

The Queen was very pleased with the equipment of this department.

Their Majesties were particularly interested in a baby born on the King's birthday, and who is to be called George.

A RETURN VISIT.
At the conclusion of their visit the King said he was delighted with the wonderful work that was being done and had thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

"I never saw a more beautifully equipped institution," he said.

The Queen was equally enthusiastic and announced her intention of paying a return visit when the new nurses' home now in course of erection is completed.

The King and Queen were heartily cheered as they left the hospital by motor-car for Dockland.

Vast crowds of people cheered the Royal visitors as they journeyed to Canning Town, and an enthusiastic welcome was accorded them at the Malvern Mission Dockland Settlement.

After inspecting a war trophy constructed by the staff, their Majesties noticed a chestnut tree planted by Princess Mary on the occasion of her last visit to the Settlement.

After tea had been served to their Majesties in a simple whitewashed and oak dining-room, they were brought into contact with the majority of the 5,000 members by visiting the different club-rooms, where games and competitions were being carried on.

BOXERS HONOURED.
In the boxing-hall they watched several bouts, and three well-known boxers—Pat O'Keefe, Johnny Summers and Mike Honeyman—were presented to the King. Their Majesties showed great interest in the boxing, and the King remarked that English boys never cried, but always seemed to stick to their opponents.

Master Ben Tintor (3) presented a bouquet of roses to the Queen.

In making the presentation, he explained to the Queen that he would have preferred to give her some daisies from his own garden, "cos they are much nicer, and I could have given you some roots, too."

Finally their Majesties reached the site of the new building, and after inspecting this left the district to the accompaniment of tremendous cheers from an immense crowd.

IDEAL HOUSING. DIFFERENT TYPES BUT NO "CLASS DISTINCTION."

The King and Queen will pay a visit on Tuesday to the London County Council's model estate at Becontree, where an area of 3,000 acres is being converted into an ideal housing estate.

As the area is circular in shape it has been decided that the important administrative buildings should be placed near the centre, towards which the main roads will converge.

Discussing the scheme with a representative of "The People," Mr. Edwin Evans, the vice-chairman of the L.C.C. Housing Committee, said that the first houses, some 3,000 in number, were erected under adverse conditions, such as high price of materials and shortage of labour; but their inception had been welcomed by all concerned.

An interesting feature of the township will be the licensed houses. They are intended to be on ideal lines, places to which a man can bring his wife and family without being ashamed.

When the scheme is completed the district will be practically self-contained.

Although several types of houses at varying rents are available, there is not enough difference in the designs to merit a sense of "class-distinction."

CARNIVAL QUEEN. Working's Gay Week in Aid of Local Hospital.

Working's streets yesterday were thronged with hundreds of residents in fancy dress when the Working Hospital Carnival opened with the object of raising £5,000 for an extension of the local cottage hospital.

A prominent local resident, Mrs. Hutchinson Driver, was proclaimed Queen of Carnival, and the townspeople are giving themselves up to a week of jollity combined with charitable intent.

The attractions include the band of the Royal Scots, dramatic performances, village fairs, motor processions, confetti battles in the streets, fireworks and wireless concerts.

LOST HAIR SUICIDE.
That he had worried a good deal because he had lost practically all his hair through war injuries was a statement at the inquest on Kenneth Brinley (34), a carpenter, of St. Neots (Hants), who was found drowned in a pond at Coombe Keyes (Dorset) on the day he was to have been married.

GET OUT!
A woman who complained to Epping magistrates yesterday that when her husband lay dying the landlord came round shouting "Get out," was told to take out a summons.

THRILLING CHASE OF SUSPECT.

TRUNCHEON BLOW STOPS MAN'S FLIGHT.

An exciting chase in the neighbourhood of Horne Bay ended in the capture of a man suspected of burglary at Horne Bay railway station.

Police-sergeant Sweeney and Detective-constable Isaac scoured the countryside in a car.

Near the railway arch at Swalecliffe a man was seen sitting by the roadside reading a newspaper, with an attaché case beside him. Questioned by the police, the man said he came from London, and had spent the night at Horne Bay.

When the sergeant went to examine the case the man is alleged to have struck Isaac on the face and made off, jumping a ditch into a field.

The officers pursued and overtook the man, who, it is alleged, put up a firm resistance until struck by a truncheon.

The captive, whose name is George Albert Robertson, was at Canterbury police court yesterday remanded for a week. It was stated that further charges would probably be made against him.

'BUS STRIKERS TO FIGHT ON.

HINT THAT TRADE UNION MAY BUY ITS OWN VEHICLES.

His union was not going to let any man work more than 48 hours a week if it could help it, said Mr. Harry Gosling, M.P., yesterday, at Maidstone, in referring to the Maidstone omnibus strike.

If the company wanted a fight they could have it.

The Maidstone busmen had 400,000 comrades behind them. If they would only stick together they would soon see many more opposition buses on the routes.

The union had the money to buy the buses if necessary, and he could not think of anyone better entitled to own these vehicles than the men who worked them.

The strike has now lasted three weeks.

MR. BALDWIN'S POLICY.

WATCHING THE WORKER'S WELFARE.

As the guest of the Canning and Chatham Clubs at Oxford, Mr. Stanley Baldwin made his first speech outside the House of Commons since he became Prime Minister.

Mr. Baldwin outlined his policy as follows:—

The position of agriculture must be saved.

Britain must bring peace to distressed Europe.

The existence of Western civilisation depends on the stability of Europe.

No Conservative Government in which I am a member will exist unless it devotes its energies to doing everything it can for the workers' welfare.

"The only means of making a population secure in the provision of work and food," said Mr. Baldwin, "is, while doing everything you can to maintain your foreign trade, to do everything you can in conjunction with all the Dominions to so develop the less thickly populated parts of it that you may more evenly spread the population of the whole Empire, and at the same time develop increasing trade for the denser population in these islands, who must have that trade or starve."

RACE GANG FEUDS.

COURT STORY OF ALLEGED ATTACK ON BOOKMAKER.

Further evidence was given at Marylebone court yesterday regarding an alleged attack on a bookmaker, when James Harper (45), commission agent, Camden-rd., Islington; Matthew McCausland (43), porter, Old Gloucester-st., Theobald's-rd.; Alfred White (36), florist, Farringdon-rd., Clerkenwell; and Alfred Solomon (32) fruit salesman, Gerrard-st., Shaftesbury-avenue, were charged on remand with conspiring together to inflict harm on William Homer, a bookmaker, of Brecknock-rd., St. Pancras.

Mr. C. Wallace appeared for the prosecution, who alleged that one of the accused went to his house on the afternoon of Sunday, May 20, and struck Homer with a hammer, and that the other defendant and others not in custody were concerned in the affray.

Homer, at the last hearing, stated that six men were present when he was assaulted, and that Harper had previously threatened to "put the rabbit gang on him."

Cross-examined by Mr. Horton-Smith, Homer said he did not know who kicked him. At first he was not afraid of Harper, because he "thought it was the beer talking." White and Solomon did nothing to him.

Mrs. Homer, giving evidence, said her husband was on the floor, and four men were kicking him. He was badly injured and his head bled profusely. She told the police at the time she did not see a hammer used.

Dr. Dover, who examined Homer two days afterwards, said he had bruises over the left eye and forehead, and a cut on the back of the head, but thought they could have been caused by a fist or a soft instrument like a piece of rubber.

A constable, in his evidence, said he knew Homer as Fanny Lee.

Magistrate: You must not confuse him with the real Fanny Lee, who is a boxer of high reputation.

P.C. Foreman said that when he asked Homer if he was in fear of Harper, he replied: "Not if they come one at a time."

After further evidence, accused were again remanded until Tuesday.

COMMON MYSTERY SOLVED.

The elderly man found lying unconscious on Clapham Common who subsequently died in St. James's Hospital, Balham, was identified yesterday as Thomas Giddings, a retired butler, of Clapham-avenue, Balham.



A "sunny" setting for the Society children's matinee, to be held at Wyndham's Theatre for the Great Ormond Street Hospital. Some of the pretty young dancers.

COUNTESS OF 72 CHARGED.

DRAMATIC DECLARATION TO MAGISTRATES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Bristol, Saturday.

A woman of striking appearance, named Edith Baroness Von Lertsch, who said she was the widow of a Russian nobleman, was remanded at the police court here to-day for medical examination. She was charged with attempting suicide by gas poisoning.

Although seventy-two years of age, she was dressed in girlish fashion with a large grey feathered hat covering a mass of auburn hair. She was also wearing high-heeled shoes on her very small feet.

A policeman stated that he called to execute an ejectment order as the de-

fecting to enter the premises.

STUNG!
Do it again, I like it!



Members of the Committee who went to the Derby to enquire into betting came away favourably impressed.

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"WET QUERIES."

DRINK FORMS FOR LINER PASSENGERS.

The Mauretania left Southampton yesterday afternoon for New York, and she is the last ship that will leave with enough liquor on board for the return trip.

The United States ruling that ships must not carry liquor within the three-mile limit comes into force this morning. What is going to happen?

The Mauretania leaves for New York on Wednesday. Usually she carries 40,000 bottles of beer and 2,000 bottles of whisky for the round trip. Next Wednesday she will carry just as much liquor as her passengers estimate will last them until the three-mile limit is reached.

The White Star Co. have decided that intending passengers should fill up forms, estimate their thirst, so to speak, and they will carry just the amount that is ordered.

If it is not consumed, if passengers have overestimated their requirements (that may happen when crossing the Bay), what becomes of that which is left? Apparently it will have to be consigned to the vasty deep—and it ought to be attended by some solemn ceremony.

Delicate problems face people who for the first time have to calculate their capacity for liquid refreshment, when crossing to America. But no such problem will trouble them on the return trip.

UNLUCKY GREETING.

KING CARNIVAL PITCHED HEAD OVER HEELS.

Blackpool carnival opened yesterday with a typical, though unheeded, scene. The King and Queen of the Revels, on arriving at the ground by aeroplane, made their entry by a head-over-heels bound, the machine having turned turtle on landing.

Happily both monarchs are more or less accustomed to such frolics. The "King" was impersonated by Doodles, the famous Tower clown, and Fred Walmsley, the Lancashire comedian, was the Queen. Their Majesties were not strapped in, and the King was pitched clean over the Queen and they lay out on the sands, while the Queen had his legs pinned under the machine. Neither was hurt.

TO-DAY'S MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

Bands will play in the parks to-day as follows:—

Green Park.—Bosch Guards, 6 to 8 p.m.
Hyde Park.—Royal Horse Guards (Blues), 6 to 10 p.m.; Royal Parks Band, 3 to 5 p.m. and daily 3 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.

Greenwich Park.—British Legion Headquarters, 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 9 p.m.
Brompton Park.—London Fire Brigade, 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 9 p.m.

Richmond Park.—Fulham Priory, 5.30 to 8 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.
Kensington Gardens.—Kensington Volunteer Band, 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Blackwell Park.—Camden Silver Band, 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Victoria Park.—G.P.O. Military, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THIS MORNING'S LATEST LINES.

At a cost of £20,000 new open-air baths were opened yesterday at Blackpool by the Mayor.

For the first time in its seventeen years' existence, a member of the Epping Women's Co-operative Guild is getting married, and to mark the occasion a wedding gift has been made her.

Swallowing two pebbles the size of horse beans was found to be the cause of the death of Frederick Marshall, aged 21 months, at Aslockton, Notts.

"The Way Out."—Mr. H. Buchanan, J.P. (the "Workers' Searchlight") will address the Epsom Brotherhood at 8 p.m. to-day on "Unrest and the Way Out."

Birds Washed Out.—Game prospects on northern moors are very poor, many young birds being drowned by rain or killed by cold.

Family's Escape.—Exciting scenes were witnessed at a fire at Normandy (Surrey) when a dwelling house, "The Fir," was gutted. The family of Mr. Bolton—his wife and four children—who were asleep when the fire broke out, had a wonderful escape.

FACE TO FACE WITH THE LISTENER-IN.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL AND WIRELESS.

The Postmaster-General Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, speaking at Exeter yesterday, said he had only been in his present office for ten days, but in that brief space of time he had been brought into close association with the "listener-in," who wanted a certain kind of wireless licence to which, under the present regulations, he was not entitled, and who wrote to the P.M.G. personally because he had not received just what he wanted.

Right from the outset he found himself confronted with vital questions of policy which required prompt decisions. The present and future of that young and lusty national interest—broadcasting—was one, as well as the question of Imperial wireless communications. He had already spent many hours in studying and discussing with his experts the difficulties which had to be solved.

Where so much was at stake decisions could not be taken without mature reflection. He was keenly anxious for an early settlement of these questions in the best interests of the country, and he was devoting himself to finding solutions that would satisfy everybody concerned.

The Postmaster-General also remarked that among other problems to be tackled was the possibility of a return to the penny postage rate and concessions to agricultural producers as regards the introduction of a cash on delivery system for their produce.

DISGUISED AS A NURSE.
SENTENCE ON MOST SKILFUL LONDON SHOP-LIFTER.

Wearing the uniform of a nurse, Eleanor Barrington, an elderly woman, who refused her address, was sentenced at Westminster court yesterday to 12 months' imprisonment on two charges of shoplifting at Messrs. Harrods Ltd., Brompton-rd.

Accused, who has several aliases, pleaded guilty, and was declared by a detective to be one of the most skilful and persistent shoplifters in London.

Convicted again and again of thefts from West-End stores, accused, before she commenced her career as a shop-lifter, was stated to have been convicted for a theft at Westminster Abbey, and also for stealing a crucifix from a church at Fulham.

WORLD'S GREATEST DOCK.

FLOATING CRADLE FOR HUGE WARSHIPS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Chatham, Saturday.

Surrendered by Germany under the Peace Treaty, the world's largest floating dock is being prepared at Chatham for special naval work. It may be used for the new British Naval base at Singapore.

Before the dock was surrendered three sections were rendered useless by the Germans, and at Chatham dockyard 800 men are now at work building new sections. Each section will be 100 ft. long, 80 ft. in width, and over 100 ft. high. It is the most important work of the kind yet undertaken at Chatham.

A system of payment by results is being introduced among the men engaged on the work. The total cost will be £20,000.

By the autumn the first new section will be ready, and when the whole structure is complete the dock will accommodate the largest battleship afloat as well as the two new warships, the Nelson and the Rodney, now being built.

It was rumoured that at one time the Germans wanted to buy back the original dock which was towed across the North Sea in sections.

EARNED 9d. A WEEK.

When a maintenance order was suspended at Nottingham yesterday, the husband, aged 60, declared that his earnings were only 9d. or 1s. weekly, exclusive of the parish relief.

Magistrate: You had better produce them at your trial.

DEATH MARS JOLLITY.

While a party of students, gaily attired in fancy dress, were travelling in a motor-car to the carnival at Chiswick yesterday, Douglas D. Idder, 34, of White House, Wotton-rd., Forest Hill, was thrown out by a sudden dip in the road and received fatal injuries.

Magistrate: You had better produce them at your trial.

TAKE CARE OF THE PENNY.

THE secret of acquiring wealth is to begin by looking after your small sums. There is always a temptation to neglect them or to spend them thoughtlessly.

The small amounts which you may thus carefully fritter away may be used to produce more money for you. It is well worth your while to look after them. See what can be done by investing these small sums in Savings Certificates.

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JUDGE AND SHAM DIVORCES.

"EASILY MADE UP."

ERRING HUSBAND AND "NIGHTMARE" LIFE.

A "nightmare" life was the excuse of Mr. Henry Bedford Duce for not living with his wife, Mrs. Edith Rosa Duce, of Coldfall-ave., Muswell Hill, North London, who petitioned Mr. Justice Hill in the Divorce Court for the dissolution of her marriage on the grounds of her husband's desertion and misconduct.

Mr. Cotes Freedy, for petitioner, admitted that his evidence of misconduct was not very good. The husband went to a hotel, booked a double bedded room, and signed the hotel register. Counsel asked the court to say it was not a "sham" case.

Mrs. Duce said she was married in Australia in 1913 and lived happily with her husband until November, 1915. He went to the war and when she joined him subsequently in England he seemed very much changed. She became suspicious, and on May 3, 1920, when they were living at Highbury New Park, N., her husband went away and never returned.

In July last he wrote: "I very much appreciate the spirit of your letter, but things have gone much too far. I cannot live with you again as I am fond of someone else and have already broken faith with you."

The nightmare of the few months we lived together after you arrived in England is still fresh in my memory."

CONFESSING IN LETTERS.
About this time, said witness, her brother-in-law handed her a letter all the request of her husband in which the latter confessed he had stayed with another woman at an hotel in Jermyn-st., London.

Mr. Robert Pullen, a solicitor's managing clerk, said he made inquiries at the hotel in Jermyn-st. and found that the waiter who attended on the room in question could not identify either the man or woman who occupied it on the particular date.

The brother-in-law and the waiter were called.

The judge remarked that the case did not look like a concocted one, but as it was so easy to make up a case by a person booking a room and signing the hotel register he thought there ought to be some further evidence from the hotel to show that a woman really stayed in the same room as the husband.

The suit was allowed to stand over, but at the end of the day counsel announced that the husband had been seen and consented to give evidence.

Mr. Duce, in the box, admitted he and a woman, not his wife, stayed together at the hotel.

A decree nisi, with costs, was pronounced.

EX-VICAR IN THE DOCK.

"Waiting for Some Property to be Sold."

Describing himself as an ex-vicar, Llewellyn Howard Davies (62), and his sister, Esther Isabella Davies (60), who said she was for 40 years a teacher under the School Board and the L.C.C., were at Bow-st. Court yesterday sent for trial, charged with obtaining credit for food and lodging, value £1 15s., at the Crown Hotel, Craven-st., W.C., with intent to defraud.

The magistrate offered to accept bail for accused, but defendants were stated to have no fixed abode.

Mrs. Corson, housekeeper, said that defendants came to the hotel on Sunday, May 27, and on the following Monday when presented with their bill, the male defendant said, "I have no money and cannot pay your bill. I am waiting for some property to be sold before I can pay."

The woman said she was expecting to get a pension shortly and she could show some good testimonials.

Magistrate: You had better produce them at your trial.

DEATH MARS JOLLITY.
While a party of students, gaily attired in fancy dress, were travelling in a motor-car to the carnival at Chiswick yesterday, Douglas D. Idder, 34, of White House,

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HOW I KIDNAPPED CANNIBALS.

THE Liverpool shipmaster who last week revealed in "The People" his startling adventures in Arabia tells to day of slave-trading exploits in New Guinea.

He describes the raiding of a cannibal centre and how captives were sold for plantation work. The writer obtained the Board of Trade Master Mariner's ticket in 1890, subsequently commanding ships of various kinds, including well-known liners. For obvious reasons his name is not disclosed.

(Exclusive to "The People.") THERE are reasons why I must obscure the dates and some names in this enterprise. For more than 12 months I had been living in considerable style, alternately at the Hotel Cecil, London, and the Midland Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

Then I came a cropper—some Stock Exchange gambles—especially in "spot" cotton at Liverpool. Out of about £80,000 I secured £1,000, and I cleared to the United States.

In New York I met an old fellow apprentice, Captain "X." He had been deprived of his captain's ticket by the Board of Trade two years before owing to the loss of a ship.

Captain "X" knew of something good at 'Frisco, and we proceeded there. Now, there was a fellow in 'Frisco named Carl Nosted, who now lies dead in New Guinea. He possessed a schooner, and wanted someone to join in with him to navigate and run on profit shares in the "blackbirding" business—which, you must know, is slave-stealing and dealing.

First of all he, acting as manager of a faked company owning the schooner, gave out that we were sailing down to certain parts in South America, and we in that way secured some valuable cargo. We had got aboard six hands, who were equal to anything so long as they were paid.

When out at sea a few days we repainted the name of the schooner, and considerably altered her rig, so as to avoid identification. Then we cleared for certain Pacific Islands, and bartered the cargo for new freight, and, incidentally took aboard three pearl divers, who were escaping with some loot, a share of which we took. But afterwards they joined with us in the enterprise in hand.

In the course of time we made Brisbane and got down to business. The cargo was disposed of and the spoil divided according to agreement. Some time was occupied in refitting and fixing the holds so that they would

Thrilling Exploits of British Skipper. Securing Slaves for Plantations.

accommodate the "passengers" we had in mind.

For various plantations up the country there was a big demand for coloured labour, but, unknown to the authorities, this labour would have to be smuggled in and deposited up the coast away from prying eyes.

There was an agent who knew the ropes and could fix all the details of the transport of the slaves up country, as well as find the purchasers.

£50 per Native.

We were to get a clear profit of £50 for every healthy male or female landed. We also took, at the agent's suggestion, a man who knew the promising hunting grounds on certain parts of the New Guinea Coast, and who spoke the Papuan language.

Arriving at our destination, we began trading with the natives, who in this part about the most primitive type of human beings I have ever met. They were very shy at first, but eventually small numbers of them would come down to the coast to trade, and in the course of three weeks we had secured fifty men and placed them in the hold.

But this was not moving quickly enough. So we arranged a raid on a small village about three miles inland.

There were eight of us altogether, armed with revolvers, the party also including the man taken on at Brisbane who knew the language sufficiently well to be understood.

We surprised the little village of huts at daylight. But there was no show of resistance after two of the natives had been shot down for throwing spears.

£7,000 Cash.

We made a selection of a hundred—50 men and 10 women. They were sturdily built, with black hair and yellowish skins.

They were docile enough during the trip, and with rice, meat, fruit and plenty of water we kept them in good condition.

We hung off a bay a considerable distance from Brisbane for a signal which was forthcoming on the morning after the second day. We ran into a fair anchorage, and the "blackbirds" were landed and our pile handed over in gold and notes. That was £7,000.

They wanted another crowd quickly, and the agent was getting nervous for some reason. So we set out again, favoured with a wind that howled us along in spanking style.

This time we made for another part of the peninsula altogether and decided to raid a village as the quickest method.

We timed the raid for daylight. Our interpreter first fired a shot in the air, bringing the natives out of their huts, and he informed them in Papuan that at any attempt to escape they would be killed.

Bloodshed.

They were an evil-looking crowd, bigger than the last lot, with noses that were neither so flat nor short. Their hair was longer.

I was staggered to see near the ashes of a recent fire three human heads. There were many human bones about.

Before I had time to think much more about the obvious fact that we had struck a tribe that practised cannibalism one of them threw what proved to be a sharp stone weapon, dagger shaped, at Carl Nosted. It went square into his forehead and he fell down dead; and we left him there.

More missiles were thrown, and we opened fire.

I imagine there would be about 300 natives all told. A number escaped, but after abandoning the wounded and leaving three dead we managed to secure 50 powerful and sullen males, the youngest of the tribe, and drove them down to the shore.

The run home with this bunch was quiet. Two of the natives died on the way.

When the agent ashore took them over he seemed a bit dubious about them as possible workers. However, he paid up, and Captain X. and myself decided to drop the game and try something else.

Overseers Deceived.

We went round to Brisbane, and after spending a week or two there received a shock that told us to "leg" it quick.

It appeared that news had leaked out concerning the last lot of "blackbirds" being cannibals. They had flatly refused to work on the cane plantations to which they were sent, and it was found they had attacked two overseers and had eaten them.

So we got under way, and finally reached Fremantle, Captain X. and myself sold the schooner, having previously paid off our partners.

Altogether I cleared about £3,000, and decided to try my luck again on the West Coast of Africa.

Another thrilling article by the Skipper will appear next week.

1,492 CLUBS IN CONFERENCE.

THE "BIG SIX."

LORD DERBY TO ADDRESS WORKING MEN'S RALLY.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

There will be a great assembly of Conservative working men from all parts of the country at the Cannon-st. Hotel, London, on Friday next under the auspices of the Association of Conservative Clubs.

An important conference will take place in the afternoon in the Pillar Hall, and in the evening there will be a smoking concert in the Great Hall at which the Earl of Derby will speak. Sir Herbert Nield, Chairman of the A.C.C., will preside over both functions.

The A.C.C. is controlled by a governing body comprising representatives of the six leading Party clubs, namely, the Carlton, Junior Carlton, Conservative, St. Stephen's, Constitutional and Junior Constitutional, known as the "Big Six." Marquis Curzon is President, and the Earl of Derby is vice-President.

It is the largest organisation of political clubs in the country, the majority of affiliated clubs coming under the category of "working class." Unlike other club organisations, the A.C.C. imposes no fee for membership. Any bona fide club officially recognised by the local Conservative Association is eligible for affiliation.

Altogether there are 1,492 clubs affiliated, practically every Conservative and Unionist club in England, Scotland and Wales, and the aggregate membership is 500,000. The A.C.C. assists clubs to form debating societies, speakers' and canvassers' classes; it arranges speakers and lectures to address the members, and it strongly advocates close co-operation between the local club and Conservative Association.

In a spirit of friendly rivalry it offers for competition a political challenge banner for the club which, according to its opportunities, does the most useful work for the Party during the year.

WORKING MEN CANDIDATES. Last year the A.C.C. instituted a fund for running Conservative Working Men candidates for Parliament and urged affiliated clubs to contribute a penny per member per annum for this purpose. The appeal met with generous response, and, as a result, two working men candidates were placed in the field at East Rhondda and Silvertown—their expenses being defrayed by the contributions of Conservative working men clubmen.

To keep affiliated clubs in close touch with Headquarters, conferences are held every year in various provincial centres. This year's conference and attendance have been as follows:— Leeds (Yorkshire clubs), 450 delegates.

NOTTINGHAM (Midland Counties), 350 delegates; Manchester (Lancashire and Cheshire), 750 delegates; Cardiff (South Wales), 350 delegates.

In brief, the A.C.C. watches over the interests of its 1,492 clubs from the cradle onwards, assisting in their formation and subsequent development so that they can become real Party assets. It safeguards their interests wherever attacked or threatened, and has secured for them many concessions in the Parliamentary arena. Largely through its efforts the Club Tax was recently reduced from 6d. to 3d. in the £, and it worked untiringly to secure a reduction in the Beer Duty. It has all its machinery ready to fight Prohibition or Local Veto Bills in so far as such measures adversely affect clubs.

The Headquarters of the A.C.C. are at Palace Chambers, Bridge-st., Westminster, and the Secretary is Mr. Frank Solld.

"HOW A BRAVE MAN SHOULD DIE."

DOCTOR WHO TOLD HIS WIFE PROPER TREATMENT.

In his dying moments a London doctor calmly gave instructions to his wife for his own treatment.

He was Dr. Henry Troutbeck (57, Victoria-st. He was the son of the late Dr. Troutbeck, Canon of Westminster Abbey, and brother of the late Mr. John Troutbeck, for many years coroner for Westminster.

After returning from visiting patients in his car, Dr. Troutbeck told his wife he was very ill; "so do not leave me," he said.

Mrs. Troutbeck gave him remedies under his own instructions, including two moderate injections of morphia.

Dr. Henry H. Weir, pathologist, who made a post-mortem examination, said that death was due to angina pectoris.

Commenting on the doctor's calmness in the face of death, the coroner paid him this high tribute: "He gave an example in his life of how a good citizen should live, and in his death of how a brave man should die."

Mr. Odde referred to the unostentatious way in which Dr. Troutbeck had secretly done good work among the poor. He recorded a verdict of natural causes.

COACHING CLUB MEETS.

Sir Edward Stone, with his team of blue roans, was the first to reach the magazine, Hyde Park, yesterday, on the occasion of the opening run of the Coaching Club.

FIRE AT WOOL FACTORY.

Much damage was caused by fire yesterday to the wool factory of Messrs. Nicholson, Holywell-st., Finsbury, due to the fusing of an electric wire.

SUSPICION WORTH £600.

NO CONFIDENCE IN CLOTH DEAL.

Suspicion that he was dealing with confidence tricksters prevented a cloth merchant, of Berwick-st., London, W.C., parting with £600, and two of the three men alleged to be concerned are detained by the police.

One of the men introduced a cloth merchant, "Mr. X.", to the second man with a view to purchasing cloth. The price was to be £600. The first man said he would put up £200 if Mr. X. would put up the balance of £400. This he agreed to do.

To gain the confidence of Mr. X. one of the men handed him £25 in good Treasury notes as a deposit to pay to the third man, Mr. X. arranging to pay his money later.

At this point the expected dupe became suspicious and declined to hand over any of his money or even to return the £25 deposit.

He was threatened with violence by two of the men unless he at once returned the money.

Police are looking for the third man, whose age is given as from 25 to 30, and who is described as being of very smart appearance.

'BLUDGER BILL' DRAMA.

MAN IN CUSTODY NOT THIEVES' LEADER.

There has been a dramatic turn in the William Warren drama in Paris. Warren, with his wife, was recently arrested in Paris on suspicion of being the leader of a band of international swindlers.

During Warren's examination, the judge of instruction announced that he would not hold the accused man for trial on any charge, with the exception of one preferred by Sir Walter Cockleline, a wealthy Hull shipowner.

The police failed to establish the identity of Warren with the notorious character named "Bludger Bill" familiar with the interiors of Australian and British prisons.

Warren's passport was examined, and the visa proved that on the day when Warren was supposed to be engaged in swindling operations in Europe, he was actually in Havana.

Warren asserts that he is not "Bludger Bill." That is now admitted, and he declares that it is "Bludger Bill" who is masquerading as Warren.

INFECTION FROM BREAD.

Government Asked to Stop Old for New Exchanges.

Shoreditch Borough Council has passed a resolution asking the Government to introduce a Bill to "make illegal the practice common among the vendors of bread of accepting from customers unused bread in exchange for fresh."

"The Council is of opinion that such practice provides a means of spreading contagion and infection, and, in consequence, is prejudicial to the health of the community."

RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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5.30 a.m.—To Linton and Lymington 25/6.
5.30 a.m.—To Exeter 25/6, Moretonhamstead 25/6, Dawlish 25/6, Teignmouth 25/6, Newton Abbot 25/6, Torquay 25/6, Paignton 25/6, Brixham 25/6, Dartmouth 25/6, Plymouth and Devonport 25/6, Launceston and Tavistock 25/6, Looe 25/6, Bodmin and Wadebridge 25/6, Newquay 25/6, St. Austell 25/6, Truro 25/6, Falmouth 25/6, Camborne 25/6, Helston (for the Lizard) and St. Ives 25/6, Penzance 25/6, etc.
5.45 a.m.—To Shrewsbury, Church Stretton, and Ludlow 25/6, Llandudno Wells 25/6, Welshpool 25/6, Builth Wells 25/6, Abergwyfan 25/6, Ffairbairn, Barmouth, and Aberystwyth 25/6, Harlech 25/6, Portmadoc 25/6, Criccieth 25/6, Pwllheli 25/6, North 25/6, Wrexham and Chester 25/6, Llangollen 25/6, Corwen 25/6, Bala 25/6, Dolgelly 25/6, Rhyl 25/6, Colwyn Bay 25/6, Llandudno 25/6, Bettystown 25/6, Birkhead 25/6, Liverpool 25/6, etc.
5.55 a.m.—To Tintern 25/6.
5.55 a.m.—To Kingsbridge for Salcombe 25/6.
5.55 a.m.—To Swindon 25/6, Chippenham 25/6, Bath 25/6, Bristol 25/6, Portlethen and Yatton 25/6, Clevedon 25/6, Weston-super-Mare 25/6, Highbridge 25/6, Burnham 25/6, Bridgwater 25/6, Glastonbury 25/6, Stroud 25/6, Gloucester and Cheltenham 25/6, Ludbury 25/6, Chippenham 25/6, etc.
5.55 a.m.—To Westbury, Trowbridge, and Warminster 25/6, Frome 25/6, Shepton Mallet 25/6, Wells 25/6, Yeovil 25/6, Bridport 25/6, Dorchester 25/6, Weymouth 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Newport 25/6, Pontypool 25/6, Abergavenny 25/6, Merthyr 25/6, Brecon 25/6, Cardiff 25/6, Barry 25/6, Pontypridd 25/6, Forthcaval 25/6, Neath 25/6, Swansea 25/6, Glynelli 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Oxford 25/6, Chipping Norton 25/6, Merton-in-Marsh 25/6, Evesham 25/6, Worcester 25/6, Malvern 25/6, Droitwich 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Taunton and Chard 25/6, Barnstaple 25/6, Ilfracombe 25/6, Minehead 25/6, Wellington (Som.) 25/6, Tiverton 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Stockport 25/6, Manchester 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Newbury 25/6, Lambourn and Winchester 25/6, Hungerford 25/6, Gaverkne 25/6, Marlborough 25/6, Woodborough 25/6, Devizes 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Ross 25/6, Hereford 25/6, Symonds Yat 25/6, Monmouth 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Banbury 25/6, Leamington Spa 25/6, Warwick 25/6, Stratford-on-Avon 25/6, Birmingham 25/6, Wolverhampton 25/6, Kidderminster 25/6, Dudley 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Fishguard Harbour 25/6.
5.55 p.m.—To Reading 25/6.
5.55 p.m.—To Basingstoke 25/6.
5.55 p.m.—To Witney 25/6, Kelmscott 25/6, Fairford 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Carmarthen 25/6, Lampeter 25/6, Aberavon 25/6, Abergwyth 25/6, Cardigan 25/6, Tenby 25/6, Pembroke Dock and Milford Haven 25/6, Haverfordwest 25/6, etc.
5.55 p.m.—To Douglas (Isle of Man) 25/6.

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FINANCE FOR THE PEOPLE

IMPORTANT OIL COMPANIES' DIVIDENDS.

Derby week in the Stock Exchange is usually a quiet one from a business point of view, and that just closed has not proved in any way exceptional. At the same time, while the volume of business has been extremely small, the prevailing tone has not been unsatisfactory, and not only have several good features been in evidence, but prices generally have been remarkably well maintained.

Although shading off towards the close, the strength of gilt-edged securities has again been noteworthy, the release of nearly £50,000,000 of War Loan interest being, no doubt, a stimulating factor.

FOREIGNERS AND RAILS.
In the foreign market French loans have shown a recovery and German issues are also better on increased hopes of an early settlement of reparations, while Czechoslovakia 8 Per Cents have been a feature of strength on the pending issue of a 8 per cent. Austrian loan at 80, backed by the British and other European Governments. Brazilian bonds also have improved on encouraging reports regarding the country's financial position. Home Railways have taken a turn for the better, but Argentine and Brazilian Rails have suffered from realisations.

THE RISE IN TEA SHARES.
Quiet conditions have prevailed in the Industrial market, and prices generally have fluctuated narrowly. Considerable strength has again been displayed by Brewery descriptions, but Tobacco shares, after early advances, have fallen back on sales before the settlement. Lyons weakened on the dividend, hopes of an increase being disappointed. Forestry Lands rose appreciably on the improved results shown in the report. A heavy tendency has been in evidence among Textiles. Increased interest has been displayed in Tea shares on recent excellent dividends and reports, and a strong upward movement, which looks likely to continue, has occurred in prices.

SNELL AND ROYAL DUTCH DIVIDENDS.
No increase in business has been experienced in Oil shares, but the announcement of the Royal Dutch and Shell dividends provided some excitement. The former was up to the best market expectations, being at the rate of 16½ per cent., making 26½ per cent. for the year, against 24 per cent. for the previous twelve months, and led to a recovery in the price of the shares. On the other hand, the Shell announcement proved disappointing, the distribution for the year being made up to 22½ per cent. free of tax, against 24 per cent. for 1922, whereas it had been hoped that it would not be reduced below 25 per cent. The Mining markets have been without much interest, activity being confined to just a few speculations.

LYONS' RECORD PROFITS.
This mammoth catering business goes on from strength to strength, the latest published report showing that for the year ended March last profits constituted a record in the history of the undertaking, which is but a fitting tribute to the exceedingly efficient management of the many popular restaurants it controls. Depreciation and debenture charges are allowed for before striking net profits, which then amount to £631,500, compared with £585,800 for the previous twelve months.

The increased sum of £100,000 is carried to reserve, against £90,000, while after meeting dividends on the junior capital

there is a surplus of £30,220 in contrast with £15,400. These figures show that lower prices charged to customers must have been more than offset by a large addition to the turnover, which is a remarkably fine performance having regard to the less satisfactory general conditions that have prevailed.

On the Ordinary shares the dividend for the year is 25 per cent., the same as before, while the Proportional Profit shares get 5 per cent. The distribution disappointed the hopes of some of the more bullish speculators, who had looked for an increase, but shareholders would be wise not to get into this state of mind, for prospects are highly encouraging. The Ordinary shares, which stand in the market at 47-8, can be bought to yield 5-1-8 per cent. on the money, on the basis of the dividend for the past year. It is intended to create 1,000,000 new 7 per cent. Preference shares of £1 each, and to issue 500,000 shares to shareholders at an early date.

BRITISH ELECTRIC TRACTION.
The report of the British Electric Traction Co. for the year to the end of March last shows remarkably similar results to those of the preceding twelve months. Gross profits are about £1,000 higher at £283,824, but net profits are slightly lower, coming out at £216,929, as compared with £218,494. The dividend on the Ordinary stock is raised from 4½ per cent. to 5 per cent., and as nothing is now placed to reserve, against £14,877 a year ago, the carry-forward is increased from £189,700 to £216,382. The 8 per cent. Preference stock, which is entitled to an additional 2 per cent. after payment of 8 per cent. on the Ordinary, is quoted at about 101, and is an attractive investment, yielding at least 5½ per cent., while the Ordinary, which can be bought at about 80 and returns 5½ per cent. at present, may be recommended as a promising speculative lock-up.

BURMAN OIL RESULTS.
Owing to a change in the method of presenting the accounts of the Burmah Oil Co. for last year, it is difficult to make an exact comparison with the results of 1921, but it would appear that profits have advanced from £1,902,790 to £2,115,823. As previously announced the dividend is unchanged at 30 per cent. free of tax, and after placing £200,000 to general reserve, and £20,000 to insurance reserve, £235,062 remains to go forward as compared with £258,584 a year ago, both amounts being subject to Corporations Profit Tax. During the year the company increased both its output and sales, while profits were further enhanced by the profit on exchange, an increase of revenue from investments, together with a reduction in taxation and other charges. The shares are quoted at 5-5-16 and give a yield of 5½ per cent. free of tax.

IRON AND STEEL RECOVERY.
The experience of 1921 which was described by the Chairman as the most difficult in the history of the company has been followed by some recovery in the fortunes of Armstrong Whitworth and Co., the big iron and steel undertaking, but the profit figures, regarded as indicative of the state of these industries as a whole, are not particularly encouraging.

Trade disputes were a bad influence during the first quarter of 1922, although since then the labour sky has become brighter and work has been more regular, except that now there is difficulty with the boilermakers which reacts upon the shipyards. Development of the hydro-electric section is going ahead well, with corresponding benefit to other departments of the business, and in some further directions conditions are more hopeful; but not until Continental conditions

become more stable will the railway equipment branches be fully employed again.

The company has done well in the circumstances to bring its net profit up from £438,900 to £467,500, but this is by no means so good a showing as used to be made, and although the directors declare a dividend of 5 per cent. on the Ordinary shares for the year, the sum required to pay it has not been wholly earned, so that reserve funds have to be drawn upon to the extent of about £60,000 to pay it. All the same the undertaking still has an undivided profit balance of £771,500. This is an instance in which shareholders will reap later the reward of present patience, for the company is in a sound financial position and excellently equipped to meet the demands, at home and abroad, that must eventually come to it and bring profits again up to what they have been in the past. The Ordinary shares, which, as noted already, receive 5 per cent., are quoted in the market at 19½, and are not a bad purchase for the investor who is prepared to lock them away for a time.

Another large undertaking in much the same way of business as the above, Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, has come wonderfully well out of all the troubles some trials of its past financial year. A final dividend is declared, making 10 per cent. free of tax, on the Ordinary capital for the twelve months ended March, which is at the same rate as before. Thus the £1 shares, which are quoted in the market at 43½, can be bought to yield 4½ per cent. free of income tax, to the purchaser.

A poor report is published by Ruston and Proctor, the engineers. Profits, before deducting depreciation and debenture interest, were £291,501, compared with £101,600. There is a surplus of £70,300 kept in hand, but no dividend is paid on either the Preference or Ordinary capital. Conditions are a little better now, but not so encouraging as to warrant hopes of an early return to a normal rate of prosperity.

BREVITIES.
Bleachers' Association.—Final dividend 15 per cent., making 20 per cent. for 1922-23, against 12½ per cent. for 1921-22.

General Mining and Finance (Albu Group).—The producing mines of the General Mining and Finance Corporation, Ltd. (Albu Group), viz.—Aurora West, Meyer and Charlton, New Goch, Van Ryn and West Rand Consolidated, during May yielded £215,793, the aggregate profit being £37,723, an increase of £2,159, as compared with the previous month. In calculating revenue, gold has been taken at a value of £4 8s. 6d. per fine ounce, less estimated realization charges.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.
F. B. J. (Gillingham).—Your present holding is a good investment, and we certainly do not advise you to make the suggested exchange. W. J. A. (Gillingham).—You had better communicate with Messrs. Fraser and Neave, Ltd., 10, Draper's Gardens, E.C.4. CANAL.—You should communicate with the firm with whom the boat was hired, and give them your letter. To send a transfer you must attend to identify your boat, in order to carry through the transfer. L. B.—Both shares would be likely to improve in a good South African market, and we do not think there is any hurry to sell either. W. B. C.—It would be necessary to make arrangements for your wife's signature to be accepted, and you had better communicate with the Chief Clerk at the Bank of England. MEMO.—Like other members of the kind, the company has suffered from adverse conditions in the shipping industry. We think it will do well again in time and would hold the shares in a good utility company. The last dividend of 2s. 6d. is a very attractive feature. J. W. B. (Gillingham).—Definitely, in previous years, the shares of the company have been a very attractive feature. The shares are not listed in the London Stock Exchange, but they are listed in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. We have nothing of the kind in the London Stock Exchange. J. W. B. (Gillingham).—The shares of the company are not listed in the London Stock Exchange, but they are listed in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. We have nothing of the kind in the London Stock Exchange. J. W. B. (Gillingham).—The shares of the company are not listed in the London Stock Exchange, but they are listed in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. We have nothing of the kind in the London Stock Exchange.

THAT LOWER PAY CANARD.

RUMOUR KILLED.

ARMY NOTES: "Tommy Atkins."

THERE is an old saying that a lie gets half way round the world while the truth is putting on its boots. Take, for example, the constant rumours respecting cuts in Tommy's pay.

I tried to scotch these last February, when I said emphatically, "Tommy's pay will not be cut." At that time the scare writers were prophesying that the cuts would take effect as from April 1.

Of course there was no cut. Colonel Guinness, in the debate on the Army Estimates, made it quite clear (as I had previously said) that cuts, if made, could not possibly take place before July, 1924 (when officers' rates can be revised by regulation), and that in any case they could not affect men serving on current engagements. The latter statement is a truism. It is incontestable that British Governments are sportsmanlike and fair in these matters.

Who can quote any new Warrant that has ever operated to the disadvantage of men serving at the time it was issued? On the other hand, it is invariably the rule—and the same applies to Pensions Warrants—to accord the full "principle of the option."

The Sporting Chance.

In other words, a soldier or a pensioner may have "whichever is the more beneficial." The only point is that he must be assessed under one Warrant as a whole, or under another Warrant as a whole. He cannot have a foot in both camps. I could quote at least a score of instances of this since first the old deferred pay system was replaced in 1898 by the meeting allowance system. One instance only can I remember in which a new scheme had an adverse effect on men then serving. That was when the pre-war probationary pay system superseded the service pay system.

Perhaps the same might be said of the post-war proficiency pay system, but these special pay rates represent something extraneous and over and above the basic rates, which have from time immemorial been inviolable. Basic rates in force at the time of a man's enlistment are part of the State's contract with the soldier, and I have War Office authority for saying that nothing whatever is known of any intention of touching them. But extra pay for proficiency, or even extra pay for service (under a recent War Office Order) may quite fairly be made subject to variation on the basis of an efficiency test.

What Soldiers Say.

A correspondent, calling himself "Viduo," a serving soldier, expresses the concern of many other serving soldiers with respect to repeated rumours on the above and other points, and, in view of what I have said, it is now hardly necessary to stress his view that the increases of pay given to soldiers, in view of the abnormal living conditions created by the war, were not granted until some considerable time after all civilians' wages had been increased. These soldiers give "The People" a good deal of credit for bringing the higher scales into operation.

Medal points also bulk largely in recent letters. The point made by one that his Record Office knows nothing of the new Post-War General Service Medal is rather astonishing. The conditions were given in "The People" some months back, and are enlisted in Army Orders 3 and 4 of January, 1923. The point made by another correspondent as to the delay in the issue of the British War Medal to men who served with coast defence batteries at home was also cleared up in this column a few weeks back, following the exclusive announcement made by the War Office. In all cases applications, giving full particulars, should be made to Officers in Charge of Records.

Some Medal Posers.

A third point may be put in the words of "A.D.," thus:—"If the services of the personnel of the coast batteries are considered good enough for the B. W. Medal, why are not the same men also awarded the 1914-15 Star and the Victory Medal equally with their comrades in arms who served before Dec. 31, 1915? Were there not other units besides those batteries engaged in the defence of Hartlepool and Scarborough, and equally in the bombardments?"

"Then, too, what about the noted kin of the fallen hero (about 39 of a certain battalion of the Manchester Regiment, to whose memory a memorial now stands on the East coast, men who fell as the result of an enemy air raid? Are their next of kin ruled out of medals?"

"The attacks on Hartlepool and Scarborough, for which the B. W. Medal has been awarded, lasted a few hours only, yet the personnel of anti-aircraft batteries in other places were repeatedly engaged with the enemy for four years, and they got no medal. Why? What is the difference between firing at an enemy warship far out at sea and at an enemy aeroplane dropping bombs right over a town?"

There are a great many other similar points brought forward by correspondents, most of which, however, I anticipated in an article in "The People" of Jan. 5, 1919. I commend them to the notice of the special Army Committee going into the question of the award of war medals and clasps.

Fixed Pensions.

The Pensions Minister, Major Tryon, promised in the Commons after this year there shall be no review or reconsideration of pension awards. He announced that investigations had shown that no secret instructions had been sent to medical boards to cut down pensions.

The policy of the Ministry was directed towards ending the continual review of pensions and towards the stabilisation of awards.

PROMOTION FROM THE LOWER DECK.

PRIZE BOUNTIES.

NAVY NOTES: "The Man Behind the Gun."

"THE PEOPLE" WAS SO LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE R.F.R. (R.F.R.) ASSOCIATION—

which, with its thousands of members, has done so much for the uplift of that class, as one time designated "the Cinderella" of the Navy—that it is only a duty to direct attention to an important mass meeting in which all six of the London Branches will co-operate.

This is to be held at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C.1, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Owing to the large number of members who are out of employment there has been a serious falling off in numbers, and the principal item on the agenda will be discussion in this regard.

As, since 1919, this Association has won so much for its members (a doubled gratuity, payment of the amount earned if invalidated or medically rejected, payment of gratuity to next-of-kin, doubling of pension on certain advantages, etc.), it is hoped that every R.F.R. (R.F.R.) man in London, and those who can find their way there, will be present. So much has been gained that not one member of the Force should be outside this defence organisation.

Mesopotamia Prize Bounty.

Since the claim for Prize Bounty on behalf of H.M. ships Esmeralda, Ohio, Odin, Spartan, Comet, Sumana, Shushan, and Lewis Pelly, with steam launch L.L. and three horseboats, was before the Prize Court, there has been a continuous rain of queries as to where those interested should apply for their shares.

Under A.F.O. 1233, the Prize Branch announces its readiness to pay out the money due, and application should be made to Admiralty P.B., Cornwall House, Stamford-st., S.E.1.

Veterans' Success.

The Veterans Corps, under Major Haggard, has been very successful during the past year in placing men from both Navy and Army in employment. For the coming year it is considered there are excellent prospects for employment, when it is hoped to place from 400 to 500 members at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley.

Last year the V.C. found permanent posts for 35 men, ex-service, and in the previous year 136 joined, and 173 were placed permanently in jobs.

Under a new scheme it is now possible for men still serving to enrol, the enrolment fee being payable by instalments, and the annual subscription is 10s. Men thus enrolled have their names placed on the employment register at once, so that when they leave they stand an excellent chance of getting work, while it is encouraging them to look ahead. This scheme is under Admiralty approval.

Lower Deck Promotion.

A correspondent on the Mediterranean station sends a pessimistic letter with

regard to promotion on the lower deck. He remarks:—

Prior to the outbreak of the Great War, there were excellent chances for practically every man who had ambition and cared to prepare himself for higher rating and rank. The Navy was then expanding. To-day we are so cramped by the politicians who set at nought the practical aims of the Navy, that a day percentage, is estimated.

I know of men who for the past five or six years have been improving their education and making themselves more efficient technically and professionally; for whom there is not the least chance of promotion. With its close touch with Service men, "The People" will know how greatly the examinations have been increased in complexity, and the standard continuously raised.

Not long since, if a man could read and write fairly and do a little in decimal fractions, other things being equal in professional subjects, he was sure of promotion. There are men to-day who deal with the binomial theorem as one of the minor problems of mathematics; go in for applied mechanics or electricity, metallurgy, chemistry, Naval history and languages; are excellent at their professional work, and yet have no hope of advancement.

Once we had to complain we had no educational instructors to help us in advancement. Now we have good schoolmasters and no prospects.

Omitting the moral drawn by his correspondent, it should be repeated (having already been suggested in this column) that some temporary measure, such as brevet promotions and a temporary increase of senior petty ranks in all ships' complements, would be better than breeding wholesale discontent in the fleet.

Recruiting.

Entries and re-entries of ratings to the following numbers have been authorised:—Boys 47, and stokers 11, 43 per week. Boy servants 4, and R. Marines 8 per month. Sick berth attendants 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 per quarter. One artisan of each of the following classes also per quarter:—Blacksmith, plumber, painter, and 8 joiners.

R.N.B. Trust.

It is with great gratification on the part of all who value the best traditions of the Royal Navy that one notes the Admiralty has issued an order to at least one of the home ports to the effect that it is approved that 20 per cent. of canteen rebates shall be diverted at the source and paid over to the R.N.B. Trust for its benevolent and charitable work.

As this will practically place the Trust in a position to pay its way, and will relieve the various service orphanages from need, the result is most cheering. Doubtless now the new procedure, which regular information is to be conveyed to all ships and establishments of the work of the Trust, becomes a routine; the evil effects caused by the crusade against the Grand Fleet Fund will gradually pass away, and its successor will then be able to compete successfully with the organisations which now raise a substantial revenue from fleetmen at the expense of their own benevolent institutions.

JUDGE'S LITTLE ERROR.

"It isn't a man, it's a lady," was the reply of the constable on duty at Routhend County Court when Judge Crawford, pointing to a person seated at the back of the court, said: "Tell that man to take his hat off in court."

Druggist's Clerk Makes Five Million Pounds.

ROBERT SINCLAIR, the well-known Oil millionaire, was just a clerk in the druggist line in 1902, but he was a sportsman at heart. There seemed fortune-making possibilities in Oil, which occupied his imagination and sporting instincts, and he then decided to turn his interests to Oil. Sinclair's speculation has made him a fortune of over Five Million Pounds, for that is what his wealth is estimated to-day. Arkansas Oil lands hold many fortunes for those who are quick to take advantage of an opportunity. The land is rich with Oil, and fortunes are made daily by those who are on the spot. The Cambrian Trust, Ltd., who are introducing the Mutual Participation Plan, where a £5 limited speculation in the purchase of an oil land plot is undoubtedly one that is attracting speculators throughout Great Britain. In fact, their proposition gives you the chance of joining those who are making fortunes daily out of Oil.

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LOOKING FORWARD

In 1923 there are 1,636 cars (which include those delivered since the war) and 191 cars are still on order, which, when delivered, will bring the total number available for service up to 1,827. With these cars it is expected to work 71 million car miles over the enlarged and improved Underground system. The new cars will be far more speedy, convenient and comfortable than the old cars. They will have wider and more aptly placed doors, deeper seats, brighter lighting. The old cars are being reconstructed to yield, as far as possible, the benefits of the new. Everywhere there is advance in rolling stock design and performance. All that is needed is a corresponding advance in traffic, but the Underground believes that where service is given there the traffic will be found.



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LANCASHIRE GET RID OF SURREY CHEAPLY.

SANDHAM AND ABEL ALONE FACE PARKIN CONFIDENTLY.

BY SHORT-LEO.

ALTHOUGH it was a bit warmer yesterday, the weather conditions were still not too favourable for cricket, rain delaying the start at Cardiff, where play was not possible till 3.15, and at Old Trafford. There were some striking performances both with the bat and the ball.

Centuries were made by Hearne for Middlesex, Smith for Gloucester, and Hardinge for Kent. In the bowling line some good performances were recorded by Parkin (Lancashire), Tate (Sussex), Howell (Warwick) and Barratt (Sussex).

In the first over of the day at Lord's Lee was caught and bowled. Middlesex, however, kept Yorkshire in the field all day, and ran up 272 for 8. Hearne was unbeaten at the finish with 167. Except for the first over of the match, he was batting all day without giving a chance.

It was a quarter-past one before a start was made with the Lancashire v. Surrey match at Manchester. Parkin captured 7 Surrey wickets for 57, Sandham and Abel being the only batsmen to make anything of a show. Lancashire, with one wicket down, are only 33 runs behind.

Kent occupied the wickets all day against Northants, and compiled 345 for 7. Hardinge was bowled directly he had completed his century, and Woolley was beaten after helping himself to 90.

WICKETS CHEAP AT NORHAM. Wickets were cheap at Norham. Notts led by 15 on the first innings against Sussex. Tate did well for Sussex with 6 for 22, and Barratt and Staples between them disposed of Sussex. During the day 20 wickets fell for 108 runs.

Smith, with 107, was the linchpin for Gloucester against Warwick. Gloucester's total was 262, and in the circumstances Howell did not do badly with 6 wickets for 111.

Bowlers had the best of matters at Kidderminster, 17 wickets falling for 335 runs. With 3 wickets to go, Worcester are 185 behind Somerset's figures.

An even game took place at Portsmouth. Leicester knocked out 177, and Hants, with five men out, are 79 behind. Mead is not out, and may give some trouble before he is disposed of.

It was late in the afternoon before play started at Cardiff. Derbyshire put together 143 for 6, and W. W. Hill-Wood was responsible for 58.

Essex had a capital game for their match against the West Indies at Hford. At Cambridge A. P. F. Chapman compiled 122 for Free Foresters against the Light Blues.

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On the wicket which was also to resume, the Surrey attack proved almost ineffective. Makepeace and Rogers raised the total to 126 before Makepeace played an hour and twenty minutes. At the close, with one wicket down for 88 runs, Lancashire were 33 runs behind. Score:—

HANTS V. LEICESTER. Hants, at Portsmouth, did not make promising start against Hampshire. L. H. Tennyson returned to captain the home team, and Lieut. A. R. Castell, who has been showing good form with the bat in Service cricket, was included. With only four wickets down, Hants were in a brilliant one-handed catch, but on at short leg.

At 55 Lord's and Astle went on 58, and the lunch score was 68 for three. Gears and King put on 50 in half an hour, and Shipman and Midwell scored 32 for the last wicket.

Hampshire started disastrously, Howell being out with only one run scored. Mead and Midwell then retired, but Hants, with three wickets down, and at the close five men were out for 98. Present score:—

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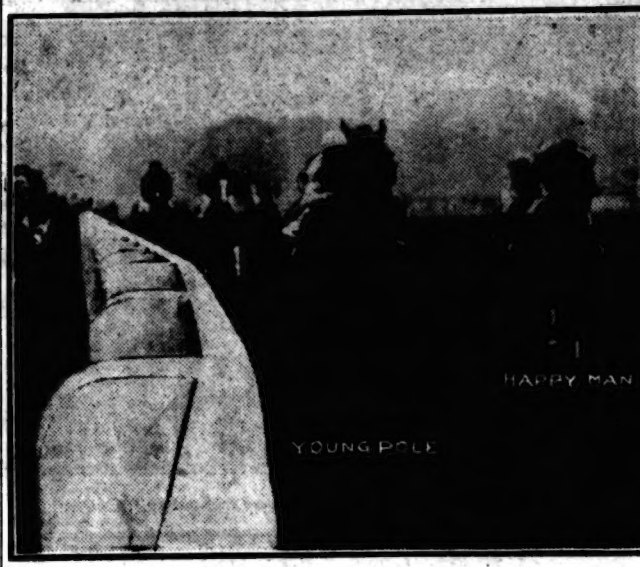
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Sussex	79
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Essex	145
West Indies	86 for 2
Free Foresters	420
Cambridge U.	18 for 0

MIDDLESEX SAVED BY HEARNE.

AN INVALUABLE CENTURY.

The Yorkshire eleven have shown such fine all-round form this season that their appearance at Lord's yesterday was naturally looked forward to with very keen interest. Middlesex, well represented, but not with their best eleven, won the toss and went in on a wicket that looked to be in first-rate order.

Hearne played superb cricket and had to do all the run-getting. The other batsmen were in constant trouble. Tjallingii was out lbw, Mann beaten by a fine ball which he looked to touch, and Hill very smartly stumped. Six wickets being down for 108, Wenvon managed to stay and to some slight extent things improved. Hearne monopolised the hitting, his score being 75 in 115 minutes. The other batsmen, however, did not do so well. Hearne was not out 107, and Murrell not out 17. The slow run-getting was due to the rare excellence of the bowling.

Murrell missed being stumped, but Dolph failed to break the wicket at the first attempt. Murrell hit away, and with Hearne playing well, the partnership of 200 was reached. The partnership added 87 runs before Murrell was finally caught by Dolph at mid-on from a short for a very close total was 272 for eight. Hearne, who won the race last year and in 1921, started favourite, but two punctures spoilt any chance he had of scoring again. Results: 50 Mile Championship: R. G. Owen (Belle Vue C.C.), 1 hr. 55 min. 34.5 sec. 1. W. S. Almond (Liverpool C.C.), 1 hr. 50 min. 37.5 sec. 2. S. Scott (Marlborough A.C.), 1 hr. 55 min. 38.5 sec. 3. H. H. Lee (Kentish Wheelers), 1 hr. 55 min. 39.5 sec. 4. Two Miles Motor-Paced Match: H. M. Ellis (Camford C.C.), scratch, easily beat H. O'Neil, of the Kentish Wheelers (one lap start) by three-quarters of a lap in 3 min. 20.4 sec.

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